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TONY BLAIR promises today that he

will not be driven off the new morality

agenda dominating British politics,

and that he will put promotion of "strong families" at the beart of Labour

Writing in The Times, the Labour

leader makes clear that he will resist

Conservative attempts to concentrate public debate on the economy, and he

denies that his party is leaping on to the

Confirmation that Mr Blair is intent

on pursuing the morality agenda will further irritate John Major, whose

relations with the Labour leader are at

a low ebb. The Prime Minister has

privately attacked Mr Blair's "sanctimonious" approach to the morality issue and is even reported to have

likened him to Elmer Gantry, the

fictional fire and brimstone evangelist

who turned out to be a charlatan and

and using his talent for preaching to

But in his article today, Mr Blair

defends his approach and insists that

Labour is not trying to govern private

sexual morality. He says that the idea

of a new social morality is not "a lurch

into nostalgia or Victorian hypocrisy.

We do not want to return to prejudiced

attitudes on sex, sexuality or the role of

women. Neither do we believe that supporting the family means attacking

lone parents, the vast bulk of whom

6 The quality of life

people enjoy is not

determined only by the

wage packet, but by

whether their children

can play safely 9

have endured pain through divorce or

He says, however, that government

can help to create a decent, well-ordered and stable society for today, a modern view of citizenship, and he

spells out Labour's plan for tackling the

"iractured society" identified by Frances Lawrence, whose headmaster

husband Philip was stabbed to death

outside his London comprehensive

Mr Blair makes plain that under

Labour every department would re-

view its policies to see how they promoted strong families. "We know the stronger the family, the better a

found that Labour had taken a clear

lead over the Conservatives in the

revived public debate on morality after Mrs. Lawrence called for a crusade against violence in society. The find-

ings confirmed ministers in their view

that they should concentrate campaign-

ing resources on the economy, a conclusion described by Mr Blair today

as extraordinary. He says: Two weeks ago the fractured society was to be the

By Adrian Lee

IAN LANG was last night under

pressure from safety campaigners

to introduce new laws banning giant fireworks after two deaths at

The president of the Board of

Trade was already considering the

need for stronger safety laws to be

in force by next November after a

90 per cent increase in firework

imuries over the past five years.

on "super" fireworks, weighing up to 100lb, after a father died in front

Campaigners demanded the ban

weekend bonfire parties.

Last week's MORI poll for The Times

child's life chances." he says.

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- Tony Blair on page 22

policy-making.

his own ends: '-

morality bandwagon.

Blair puts

the family

at Labour's

policy heart

By Philip Webster, political editor

key theme of the Queen's Speech. Now

it is dropped. And they accuse us of

Labour election strategists decided last week to continue harrying the

Government on issues that in the past it has numbered among its strengths. They are desperately seeking an issue on which the Opposition parties can unite against the Government, whose

Commons majority fell to one yester-

day after the death from cancer of

Barry Porter, who had a majority of

The Government's majority is expected to be wiped out next month after

a by-election at Labour-held Barnsley

East, and it would go into minority for the first time in nearly 18 consecutive

years of office if it loses the Wirral by-

The Labour leader's article appears

as Conservative sources confirmed that

relations betwen Mr Blair and Mr

Major are at a low ebb - although

officials in Mr Blair's office denied that

he had any complaint about the way he

The Times has learnt that they began

to break down after Mr Blair mocked

Mr Major in the Commons over a

defeat on the Divorce Bill earlier this year, even though Mr Major had granted a free vote to Conservative MPs.

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election, expected in February.

had been treated.

being cynical and driven by polls."

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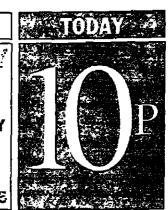
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the importance of the royal

M Goddio's work bears out

remarkably the description of

the Greek historian Strabo.

who wrote a detailed study of

the area in 25BC. At that time

he was working in the legend-

ary Library of Alexandria, just

six years after the naval battle of Actium, in which Octavian

defeated the combined forces

of Antony and Cleopatra who

became the last Pharoah of an

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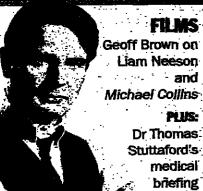
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Cleopatra's playground revealed

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tural features about 20ft below

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finds such as columns, stat-

ues, enormous blocks of gran-

But M Goddio and his

south by the coastal road.

FROM MICHAEL MURPHY IN ALEXANDRIA

THE royal playground of Cleopatra and Mark Antony in ancient Alexandria has been found by a French marine archaeologist after nearly 2,000 years.

They came close to freezing point after the Dunbiane tragedy with Mr Major accusing Mr Blair privately of breaking an agreement not to highlight "It was a fantastic feeling diving on the remains of the the Dunblane issue during the party city," said Franck Goddio at the unveiling of his work yesterday. "To think when I conference season. And when asked for his opinion of the Labour leader on a visit to the Commons tea-room, Mr touched a statue or sphinx. that Cleopatra herself might

of shares

windfall

BRITISH TELECOM'S 2.4

million shareholders can

look forward to a 35p a

share windfall as a result of

the company's \$20 billion

takeover of MCI, America's

second biggest long-dis-

tance telephone carrier.

The agreement, confirmed

yesterday, would be the

biggest transatlantic deal. The special dividend will-cost BT £2.3 billion but

should help ensure share holder support for the deal.

Sir Peter Bonfield, chief

executive of BT, said it will

be paid next September, at

the same time as the final

dividend for this financial

year. The final dividend

has been boosted 6.2 per

Biggest deal, page 52

cent to 11.95p.

Labour called for a ban on

mortar-type fireworks which were

responsible for the deaths of Mr

Hattersley in High Wycombe,

Buckinghamshire; and Steve

A third man was injured by a

firework at Marlborough, Wilt-

shire. Mortar fireworks are de-

signed to be fired from a cardboard

tube and shoot coloured lights into

Timcke, in Kent.

Major is reported to have replied that ☐ Mr Blair is expected to receive a have done the same . . . " further boost after his soaring opinion poll ratings today when his party is expected to back his modernising draft BT pledge It is understood that more than half

of Labour members took part in the vote, many more than were expected to a few weeks ago, and Mr Blair will hail the result as an unhesitating endorsement of the aims and objectives of new Labour. In his Times article, Mr Blair

he reminded him of Elmer Gantry.

manifesto by a ratio of nine to one.

describes the document as "our covenant with the British people and our covenant with ourselves" which affirms the belief that it is possible to forge a new political programme by stripping away outmoded ideology and applying traditional values in a modern way.

He insists that the document was not just about accommodating the thinking of the Right, but a recognition "that we have entered a new phase of political debate and development".

Mr Blair and his deputy, John Prescott, had to make strong lastminute appeals to members to vote on the document, but even so, the leadership will point out that the vote was higher than that in the ballot on Clause 4 of Labour's constitution.

Firework ban urged as two die

for professional use only exploded

Mr Lang also faced calls for all

those running public displays to be

licensed and receive training after

the death on Saturday of David

Hattersley, a head teacher who was

running a primary school event. Critics said British firework laws

were outdated and some Chinese fireworks available in Britain

would be banned in their country of

origin. According to the National

Campaign for Firework Safety,

in his face.

Elmer Gantry, page 2 Lawrence support, page 7 Peter Riddell, page 22

Clinton's lead slips in polls

M Goddio, 49, Director of

the European Institute of

Marine Archaeology in Paris,

whose team of 16 professional

divers and archaeologists has

made more than 3,500 dives in

the murky waters of Alexan-

dria's Eastern Harbour, has

produced staggeringly de-

tailed evidence for the plan of

the "royal city" which has long

the twin harbours of Alexan-

dria is a placid and featureless

stretch of water, bounded to

east and west by a military

Today the easternmost of

puzzled historians.

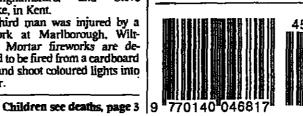
President Clinton's hopes of winning a resounding mandate that would silence his critics in tomorrow's election appeared to be slipping and the Republicans were growing confident of retaining Congress. There was little doubt Mr Clinton would be comfortably re-elected but polls suggested the race had tightened and he may not get 50 per cent of

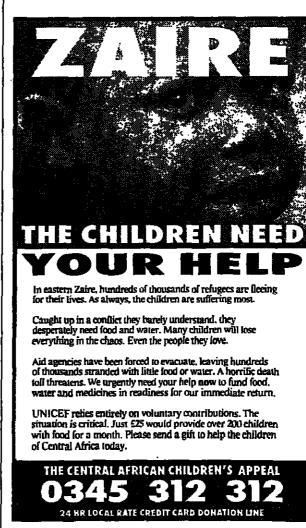
Europe 'must aid Zaire refugees'

France called on the rest of Europe to prepare for intervention in eastern Zaire as Paris confirmed it was considering 'humanitarian corridors'' to help a million Hutu refugees to escape. "We are already prepositioning supplies. But France cannot act alone," said Secretary of State for Aid......Page 13

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Massive data bank will store all personal details



WHITEHALL EDITOR

PLANS for a £1 billion computer scheme to centralize personal records on every citizen are to be unveiled this week.

The computer would hold everything from birth certificates and tax returns to social security numbers and TV licence details. New technology would also make public services available direct in homes and from special terminals at post offices, libraries and Citizens Advice Bureaux.

People would be able to complete tax returns, VAT declarations, buy a motor tax disc and even inform

changed address. The move to put the Government on line was conceived by Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, a year ago and will be formally outlined in a Green Paper entitled "Government Direct" on Wednesday. Pilot terminats, allowing the public to call up information, are to be sited in 12 regional centres. The law would have to be changed to allow government departments could share certain personal information

about individuals.
Last night Roger Freeman.
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said: The challenge is to transform public services in this country. We had the introduction of

which revolutionised government services. This century we have had the phone and the typewriter. In the 21st century we will see the rise of information technology which will be the main driver for producing better quality services. We are looking at a revolution."

Ministers envisage that within a year people could be able to call up information and government forms via their television. If they have a printer attached to their computer they could receive an

actual form.

The key to the scheme will be for members of the public to be issued with a smartcard to ensure their personal and business details cannot be divulged to anyone else. A

smartcard will be crucial for verifying transactions, especially if payments are involved. It could be linked with a personal banker's card and could also carry donor information and blood group. Eventually, it is possible it could link up with the new national identity and driving licence card.

Mr Freeman said last night that

he hoped that eventually they would merge to form a single card. But he cautioned: "I don't think the Government should be dogmatic about this, it is about people's

But Ministers want to consult the public on how best privacy can be being used by the rightful owner. Mr Freeman said: "We must ensure privacy and the Data Protection Registrar will have a big role to play. The law must protect every citizen to ensure the information is used carefully."

One idea is for a Personal Identification Number, but other countries have used fingerprints. while a new scheme for frequent travellers at JFK airport in New York uses a handprint. Another possibility is for the computer to check out the pattern of an eye.

If someone were using their own home telephone number to call up information, that alone could be taken as security. But the aim is to ask the public what information

that it is easy to find and understand.

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The computer software and hardware and the cards would be provided by private capital under the Private Finance Initiative. Ministers accept the project could cost up to £1 billion but believe the final efficiency savings could be much

The Government will pay back the private firms as the handling of paper transactions in Whitehall is reduced and the number of clerical posts is cut. Mr Freeman accepted there would be a loss of repetitive. manual, clerical jobs but believed staff would be liberated to do

Corporal punishment lobby banks on opinion polls to persuade Major

Tory right forces pace on caning

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JOHN O'LEARY

TORY rightwingers pledged to step up the campaign for corporal purushment in state schools yesterday after support from opinion polls and growing signs that individual ministers back the move.

James Pawsey, chairman of the backbench Tory education committee, called on the Prime Minister to reconsider his opposition to the issue being reopened. Eight members of the present Cabinet. including Mr Major, backed the retention of corporal punishment when it was last debated in the Commons in 1986 and rightwingers are claiming that there would still be a big Cabinet majority in favour now if Mr Major had

not ruled out a change. The 1986 Cabinet supporters included Michael Heseltine, Kenneth Clarke, Michael - who on Friday Howard indicated his continued backing - Stephen Dorrell, Roger Freeman, Brian Mawhinney.

and Virginia Bottomley. Gillian Shephard, the Education secretary, backed the idea last week but was swiftly slapped down by Mr Major. Ministers in Mrs Shephard's department are known to sunport her private view. There have been indications that

RELATIONS between Tony Blair

and John Major have hit rock

bottom, according to Conservative

sources. Asked for his opinion of

the Labour leader on a visit to the

Commons tea-room Mr Major is

reported to have replied that Mr

Blair reminded him of Elmer

other ministers, including William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, are supporters of the move, although Mr Hague yesterday repeated the

Downing Street policy line. Mr Pawsey believes that a head of steam is building up behind his campaign to allow parents to give their consent to caning, as an alternative to expulsion. He said: "The Prime Minister weighs matters up carefully and I believe that if the Prime Minister were to see there was a substantial or overwhelming case in favour, then he might

Sir Marcus Fox. chairman of the backbench 1922 committee, took the unusual move of voicing his personal support for caning, although he did not expect it to become part of the current Bill: "If schools want the sanction of the cane, then I make no secret of the fact that I support that."

Mrs Shephard backed calls for school governors to clamp down on scruffy teachers, but ruled out legislation for a national dress code. David Shaw, the Tory MP for Dover. is planning an amendment to the Education Bill requiring governors to lay down dress

Gantry. If proof were needed that

all is not well between the Prime

Minister and the leader of the

Opposition, this was it. The epony-

mous Elmer Gantry, a fictional

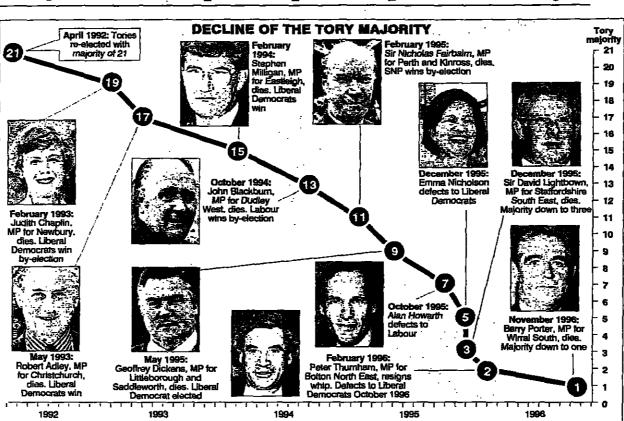
1920s American evangelist, was the

central figure of a film released in

1960, based on a satirical novel by

Nobel-prize winner Sinclair Lewis,

in which he explored the seedier



Death could put Tories in minority

By Philip Werster POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Government's Commons majority, 21 at the 1992 general election, is expected to be wiped out after the death yesterday of Barry Porter, MP for Wirral South, after a short period of illness.

With May I still the most likely date for the general election. Labour and Conservative business managers were last night predicting a by-election early in the new year for Mr Porter's seat. If Labour overturns the 8.183 majority, there would be a minority government. Mr Porter's

side of the evangelical revival

which had taken America by storm.

Bible thumper who is the opposite

of what he claims to be. Using his

talent for oratory, he jumps on the

1920s moral crusading bandwagon

and becomes an evangelist and

preacher, although behind his elo-

quent Christian front he behaves in

Gantry emerges as an immoral

majority drops to one. Labour are confidently expected to win the pending by-election at Barnsley East, which would leave it without a majority. A Labour victory at Wirral South would mean the Government was in a minority of one.

John Major led the tributes yesterday to Mr Porter, 57, who was married with five children. Barry's generous heart and good humour will be much missed at Westminster and in the Wirral," he said. "He served both his constituents and country well."

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party

preaches salvation.

destroying at the same time as he

Gantry, but some fans believe the

picture was stolen by Jean

Simmons, with her portrayal of the

compelling Sister Sharon Falcon-

er, the leader of a religious revival-

Burt Lancaster played the lead as

death means that the Government's chairman, said: "Barry had a first-class reputation for both his constituency work and in the chamber of the House of Commons." Alastair Goodlad, the Chief Whip, added: "Barry Porter was a hard-working member of Parliament and a much liked and respected colleague."

Labour campaign strategists said last night that they expected the by-election to in February. They would need a swing of more than 8 per cent to take the seat. The Tories have not won a by-election in the

present Parliament and, barring a swift change in the public mood, cannot be confident about changing the trend. Elmer Gantry jibe is proof that all is not well in Westminster ist group. Gantry, a hard-drinking, purely to serve his own end,

promiscuous salesman who uses

prostitutes, at one point describes Christ as "the best all-American quarterback in history". Taking

more literally than most the text "love thy neighbour", his aim is to

seduce Sr Sharon, who employs

him as a preacher, and he nearly destroys her mission in his attempt.

Hume acts as broker in hope of ceasefire

By NICHOLAS WATT

JOHN HUME, the leader of the SDLP, is acting as an intermediary between the British Government and Sinn Fein to negotiate terms for a

renewed IRA ceasefire. The MP for Foyle has been shuttling between the two sides in the hope of brokering an agreement over the conditions Sinn Fein would have to meet before it could join the Stormont talks. Mr Hume, who confirmed yesterday that he is in regular contact with the Government and with Gerry Adams, said he was optimistic that an agreement could be found.

John Major has made clear that Sinn Fein could only join the multi-party talks if the IRA renewed its ceasefire and then offered clear evidence of its unambiguous committment to peace. The IRA would also have to decommission some of

its weapons during the talks. Sinn Fein believes that it should be allowed into the talks within days of a ceasefire. The party also in-sists that a ceasefire will only be declared if Britain softens its stance on the weapons issue and sets a timeframe for talks of no more than spi months.

Despite the differences between Britain and Sign Fein, there are indications that Mr Hume's intensive negotiations are making some progress. The Dublin Sunday Tribune reported yesterday that Britain has accepted that the IRA cannot use the word permanent" in a ceasefire statement. The three sides yesterday all played down reports of the

takes over today as Chief Constable of the RUC, made clear yesterday that he wants to achieve "a totally neutral working environment" to attract more Roman Catholics. This may mean reducing the use of the Union flag and the Queen's portrait.

Shooters condemn gun laws

The shooting community turned their anger on Parlia-ment yesterday and warned the Government against adding their families to the list of victims of the Dunblane

shootings.
About 3,000 shooters and gun traders from around Britain were at Wolverhampton race course to protest at the proposed gun legislation announced last week after Lord Cullen's inquiry into the shooting at Dunblane where 16 children and their teacher were murdered. The rally was led by members of the British Shooting Sports Council. which represents about 500,000 enthusiasts.

Currency deal

The Liberal Democrat leadership warned Labour that signing up to a single curren-cy would be a condition for support in any deal after the general election. Menzies Campbell, foreign affairs spokesman made the party's most explicit demand on Lab our after signals from the Labour leadership that it was moving away from a decision to join the first members of a single currency in 1999.

Kidnap charges Two men were charged last night with the kilinap and unlawful imp Joanne Norris. 30, a secretary who disappeared from her home in Knebworth, Hertfordshire. Police said that a woman claiming to be Ms Norris had called her family from abroad to say

that she was safe. She was negotiations.

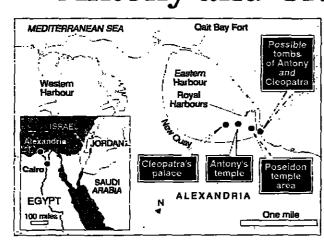
Ronnie Flanagan, who forced from her home after being bound and blindfolded on Friday night. Princess ends trip

Diana, Princess of Wales ended her trip to Australia yesterday with a private visit to the quadriplegic son of a friend. Ben Robertson, 18. who was crippled in an accident while playing a school rugby match, is the son of a former equerry to the Prince of Wales. Captain Brian Robertson looked after the Prince and Princess during their official tour to

Australia in 1985. I don't believe it

The actor Richard Wilson who plays Victor Meldrew in One Foot in the Grave - had car trouble before the # London to Brighton Veteran Car Rally. The camshaft broke on the 1900 Simms in which he was supposed to be travelling. He was given a lift in another car. The first car to arrive was an 1898 Panhard et Levassor driven by Mike Timms of East Sussex. Photograph, page 26

Antony and Cleopatra's Alexandrian playground revealed



Continued from page i independent Egypt. Strabo wrote of inner harbours for the royal vessels, hidden from people and made by the hand of That has long puzzled historians. but M Goddio's divers found a 10ft-high pier of limestone extending 350 yards north and west of the eastern promontory, still paved with limestone blocks and encircling an area of sheltered water: a shorter pier marks out an inner sanctuary. The walls can safely be dated to Ptolemaic rather than Roman times because the mortar is grey rather than red. The Romans mixed burnt brick with the mortar for extra waterproofing.

Farther south is a former island which once held the temple of Poseidon, god of the sea, and a limestone quay carried the

Antony, facing that of Cleopatra. Strabo's description of Antirrhodos, the island on which Cleopatra built her palace. misled M Goddio to search in mid-harbour, but the areas he found there proved to be no more than ancient reefs. When he moved south, however, he found a paved island, 350 yards long and 60 vards wide, littered with fallen columns and architectural features, some of them carved with hieroglyphs. He knew. although the ancient planners had put the island farther west, that he had found "a very impressive building surrounded by columns of rare and unusual stone":

Cleopatra's palace. Few remains of buildings on the shore survive, although M Goddio has an

Timoneum, shrine and palace of Mark inkling that the tombs of Antony and Cleopatra may be found in that area one day. Instead, most of the royal buildings lie fallen just off the present seashore barely disturbed since they were brought down in an earthquake in AD335 and drowned in the succeeding tidal wave. Among those remains were once Cleopatra's Needles, which have now found homes on the London Embankment and

in New York. M Goddio said of his work: "We tried a sound survey first, but the background noise from the modern city was too great to get accurate readings. The only way was to make exhaustive dives, metre by metre. And that way we were able to pinpoint exactly where Cleopatra and Antony once walked."



Elizabeth Taylor, star of the film Cleopatra

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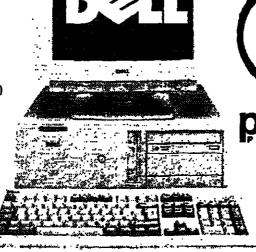
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Safety officers to trace source of fatal firework

A CITY trader became the second man to die in a firework accident at the weekend when a device intended only for professional use at a public display exploded in his

Steve Timcke, 34, died almost instantly when he lit a Chinese firework in the back garden of his house in Wilmington, Dartford, Kent. It is thought his two children Shaun and Danny, both aged under ten, saw the explosion along with 40 other people. Mr Timcke's widow, Denise, is on holiday in America

The widow of David Hattersley, 45, a father of six. who died on Saturday after running his primary school's display in High Wycombe. Buckinghamshire, paid tribute to him yesterday after attending a church service.

In a third incident, Richard Nocton, in his 30s, was knocked unconscious by a rocket and suffered burns to his face as he organised a display at Marlborough, Wiltshire. His injuries were last night said to be not life-

Trading standards officers in Kent were trying to establish yesterday how Mr Timcke bought the grenade-shaped firework, called a Grand Cele-

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Killed: head teacher David Hattersley

bration. They warned other people not to use the firework, which had safety instructions written in Chinese down its side. Mr Timcke was apparently lighting the firework when it detonated in a blue flash. John Simmonds, Kent's head of trading standards, said: We are investigating where this man got it from. It is the type of firework that should be fired from a mortar tube and should be used only in big displays such as those organised by local authorities. We think that in this case the man used a match to light it. It

special man, a very special husband and father. I did not is not for general distribution. realise how much his life had touched so many people." Her husband was head of Hazlemere Church of England Combined School in Wycombe and had organised firework displays for 12 years. During the church service some worshippers cried openly as the Reverend Clive Collier spoke of Mr Hattersley's commitment to the school. The Archbishop of Canterbury sent a message of

> sympathy. The service was attended by the couple's six children: Rebecca, 21, a student at Oxford: Judith, 19, a student at Bath; Philippa, 18, who is working at the church; Andrea, 17, a Mr Hatterslev's school.

is an appailing tragedy."

Ruth joined 350 people at Holy

Trinity Church, High Wyc-

ombe. He was fatally injured when he returned to a large mortar-type firework. She said: "All that can be said is

that he was a very, very



Amateurs warned off giant rockets

PEOPLE planning garden firework par-ties were warned yesterday not to compromise safety by trying to detonate speciacular fireworks intended for public

Safety experts said that the general public should buy only fireworks stamped with the British Standards number 7114 and carrying a classification between one and three - although three should not be used in gardens. Category one fireworks are suitable for indoor use: category two for gardens; category three for displays where there is at least 25 metres between firework and audience.

A fourth category, designed for professional use only, does not have to adhere to British Standards. It is assumed the user will have some expertise and the instructions may not be in English.

Trading standards groups, responsible drama student; Eleanor, 12; for enforcing safety after fireworks are fireworks. A lot of us in the trade have and Ben. 7, who is a pupil at imported, want a licensing system for been anxious to have agreement on people running displays. One of Brit- maximum sizes that should be sold to the 1994 there were two but none last year-

Readers are reminded that, contrary to any implication in an article in the Gardening section of Saturday's Weekend, petrol should never be

ain's last remaining firework makers, the Reverend Ronald Lancaster, 65, of Kimbolton Fireworks, called for shops to be banned from selling the new type of giant firework to the public.

Mr Lancaster, whose company thought to have supplied the firework that killed Mr Hattersley, said a code of practice for retailers was needed to curb the mounting casualties.

The retired chemistry teacher said: "There has been an upsurge in recent times in the selling of large imported

public." He will be interviewed by the Health and Safety Executive today but said there had been no previous probleas with his fireworks.

This year Britons will detonate 130 million fireworks of 26,000 different types. Most will be imported. The most popular include German-

made Zink rockets, costing up to £9 each; mortar-type "shells" which are detonated at 400 miles per hour and burst with crackers or colours at 400 ft; and roman candle barrages which shoot 100 ft into the air before producing a cascade of

In 1990, 805 people were injured by fireworks: in 1991 there were 723 injuries: in 1992 the figure was 942; in 1993, the year of deregulation, there were 1,058 injuries. Casualties jumped to 1,574 in 1994, the highest for 20 years, and last year there were 1,530 injuries. Between 1989 and 1993 there were no deaths. In charmed life. We came home

Dunkirk saviour faces a fiery end

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By MICHAEL EVANS

ONE of the boats that played a significant part in the evacuation of British troops from Dunkirk in June 1940 is facing an ignominious end on a Guy Fawkes bonfire tomorrow.

The 51ft ferry boat Southern Queen joined the armada of little boats that helped to rescue more than 340,000 British and French soldiers from the advancing German army. The Southern Queen retrieved more than 1,000 men from the Dunkirk beaches, bombers and fighter aircraft.

Now the boat is due to be towed to Porthmelon beach on the Isles of Scilly to form the centrepiece of tomorrow's Guy Fawkes bonfire celebrations. The beach where she is destined to burn is owned by Prince Charles.

The Dunkirk Association. upset at the fate of one of the few remaining veterans of the rescue, is now trying to save the boat. Charles Cave, association spokesman, said: "This boat saved so many lives. It would be a terrible shame and a valuable piece of history will be last forever."

The bonfire party is being oganised by the Round Table in St Mary's. More than 600 people are expected to attend. The 70-year-old Southern

for two years. Alec Hicks, 34, the owner, who has used the boat as a ferry for tourists. found it impossible to upgrade her to Department of Trade standards. Mr Hickssaid: "All that is needed to get her back to her original glory is a bit of work on the timbers. After what the Southern Queen went through in 1940 it is hardly a dignified way to go. History should be preserved and people should know what happened at Dunkirk."

Sub-Lieutenant Basil de Mattos, who took charge of the commandered ferry boat for the Dunkirk rescue and who died three years ago aged 78, wrote: "I had never been under fire before Dunkirk but the crew and the Southern Queen seemed to bear a

'Cheat' walks out of record books

detonated in Mr Timcke's back garden

By Kathryn Knight

FFYONA CAMPBELL, the first woman to walk the world, will be removed from the next Guinness Book of Records at her own request after admitting that she cheated, officials confirmed last night.

Peter Matthews, editor of the book at the time of her attempt, said Ms Campbell's revelation was "something of a first" and that the publicity surrounding her attempt meant her record may not have been subject to normally stringent regulations.

In her forthcoming autobiography, Ms Campbell dis-closes that her ten-year marathon went adrift between Indianapolis and Fort Summer on the American leg. Pregnant and physically unable to complete the required 25 miles a day to keep up to schedule, she hitched lifts in her back-up truck, walking only the last few miles into inwns where press conferences were being held. She eventually returned to walking within the rules after an

Last week. Ms Campbell want to the offices of her main spousors, Raleigh International, to explain and apologise to famie Robertson-Macleod, the drief executive. Yesterday he said he was disappointed but



Campbell: admission

that the charity would continue to support her in future. "Whatever Ffyona has done she has still inspired many young people and her admission cannot take away from that. She has done the right thing to apologise and come clean," he said.

Ms Campbell said the guilt

she had carried about her deception had forced her to tell the truth. "I shouldn't be remembered as the first woman to walk around the world when I cheated."

Mr Matthews said he was not surprised to hear of the deception but that it was nonetheless very rare. "Nor-mally we would ask for unremining surveillance but with something like this you have to take people on trust quite a

Scouts outraged by rector's novel

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A NOVEL by an Anglican clergyman that contains descriptions of Scout leaders sexually assaulting young boys has caused outrage in the Scout movement and was last night branded "a disgrace". In the book, Murder Within Tent, the Rev David Shepherd, rector of St Mary Magdalene's episcopal church in Dundee, explores "the murkier depths of the Scouting

He has paid to publish the novel himself.

The novel has already sold more than 600 copies to family, friends and members of his congregation. One character, a gay Scout leader nick-named "the Artful Groper", dabbles in witchcraft and the occult and seduces the boys.

The Scouts themselves are depicted as under-age, heavydrinking lovers of sex. The plot centres on the murder of a Scout leader who is investigated by a police inspector who has an affair with a prostitute. David Shelmerdine, chief executive of the Scout Associ-ation in Scotland, said: "This is bizarre. The minister is obviously fantasising beyond

this. David Shepherd is obvi-

people and this does the Scout movement no good at all. I am amazed that a minister in the Scottish Episcopal Church should write a book like this." Mr Shepherd, 55, who was characters in the novel were wholly fictional, but added: "These things do happen in

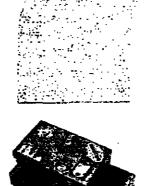
the Scout movement. I have

known quite a few Scout leaders who have done things His first book sold more than 1,000 copies and his third work of fiction, Slaughter at the Polls, about the murder of a Tory parliamentary candidate, is about to be published. Mr Shepherd said: "My con-

gregation has an earthy ap-preciation of the facts of life." Murder Within Tent, which cost him more than £4,000 to publish, is priced at £2.50 in his church bookshop. Mr Shepherd's first novel, Who Killed Sophie Jack? which tells the story of the murder of a prostitute against a backgound of wife-swapping. cost him nearly £4,000 to

publish privately. Mr Shepherd, who has yet to make a profit from one of all reason with a book like his books, said writing fiction was his hobby, relieving the boredom on holiday while his ously not living in the real world. He is trying to shock

"besides the merican else gets replaced 77



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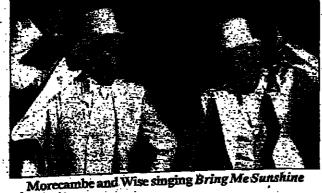
By CAROL MIDGLEY

TWELVE years after his fatal heart attack, Eric More-cambe and his sidekick Ernic Wise have been voted the nation's favourite BBC light entertainers.

More than half a million viewers took part in the voting for last night's programme, Auntie's All Time Greats, which celebrated 60 years of BBC television. There was an element of nostalgia to many of the choices. Morecambe and Wise were named the best light entertainment performers and their show was the

best light entertainment se-

ries. Eric Morecambe's wid-



Lifetime Achievement in awards with Ernie Wise Comedy award. The 67-yearsaid: "I'm thrilled. He would old star of Porridge. The Two have been chuffed." Ronnies and Open All Hours Ronne Barker, who now said: "I haven't done a stroke runs an antique shop in of work for nine years. A lot

retired because of repeats. I quit while I was ahead." Dr Who defeated Ballykissangel, Casualty and EastEnders for the best

Victoria Wood, 43, defeat-

popular drama award.

ed Monty Python and Harry Enfield to win the favourite comedy series award, and overtook Ben Elton and John Cleese to win the title of favourite comedy performer. She said: 'I've never modclied my Writing on anyone's work. That's why I was so lousy when I first started."

David Jason, the favourite performer, said: "Maybe these awards tell some producers what sort of entertainment people want."

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Barefoot Duchess toned down for British readers

By Emma WILKINS AND CAROL MIDGLEY

THE Duchess of York's toes, famously caressed by her friend John Bryan on a French sun terrace four years ago, are to be banished from the front cover of the British edition of her new autobiography.

While the American editions will sport a full-length picture of a demure-looking, bare-footed Duchess, British readers will be restricted to a portrait of her head.

The Duchess and her publishers deemed the toes unsuitable for Britain, where the public will no doubt recall them being splashed over seven pages of the Daily. Mirror in August 1992. The paparazzi Daniel Angeli hid in bushes to take several photographs of a near-naked Duchess with her former lover.

"It was always the plan to have a more sober cover for

the British edition," said Carolyn Reidy, president and pub-lisher of Simon & Schuster's trade division. "We are talking about different markets and for the American one the fulllength pose has both wit and

More than 400,000 copies of My Story are being printed in America. The original print run of 350,000 has been increased after extra orders from bookshops and the British serial rights have already been sold to *Hello!* magazine for more than £100,000.

The book's apparent popularity will be welcome news to the Duchess who, it was revealed yesterday, is appearing in an advertisement for a Japanese camera in an effort to relieve her estimated £4 million debts. She was paid £20,000 to pose for a photo-

graph in front of the Statue of Liberty holding an Olympus, making her the first British royal to appear in an advertisement. Olympus had origi-Naomi Campbell but called on the Duchess when negotia-tions fell through. The campaign will be launched next week in Austria.

In English, the wording on the poster states: "Fergie snaps the best example of steadfasmess with her Olympus digital camera." In German, however, one word makes an allusion to her recent friendship with the Austrian tennis star Thomas Muster. The German word for "best, example" is "Muster-beispiel".

Gunther Vetter, head of Olympus's Austrian consumer products division, said: asked if she could keep the

The Duchess of York as she features in the camera advertisement — a first for a member of the Royal Family

The idea is that the human perseverance in question may be taken to refer either to the statue or to Thomas Muster, the Duchess's idea of a real

good man." According to Herr Vetter, the Duchess has asked the company to consider her for future promotions. She also

cashmere coat which she It means more people will look wears in the photograph, a at the adverts. request that was declined. Eventually she bought the coat for £1,500. "We would have had to pay Naomi Campbell a lot more than \$20,000 and the Duchess originally wanted

The Duchess's book will be published in America and Britain simultaneously on November 13. Ms Reidy insisted that the Duchess had not been tempted to "spice it up". despite the publication of more, too," Herr Vetter said. "Of course the gossip and the books on her by her former scandals don't bother us at all. psychic and by Allan Starkie.

ness partner. The Duchess's office also said she would honour her promise to the Queen not to embarrass members of the Royal Family. "She is bound by agreements with the Royal Family not to do one of those kiss and tell books. but her autobiography is not boring," a spokeswoman said.

Tunnel of love fails to keep toads off the road;

WHY did the toad cross the road? Because a specially built tunnel under the traffic was simply too cold for a determined amphibian in search of its mate, scientists have found.

A study of a tunnel built under the A512 near Ashby de la Zouch. Leicestershire, to help toads to cross from hibernating areas to breed-ing grounds, has found that they are avoiding it because its diameter is half the recommended one metre, keeping

Professor Robert Oldham of De Monfort University, in a report to Leicestershire County Council said: "The air is not circulating. The toads are not prepared to go into what they think are winter conditions." He suggests a fan or small heater.`

Professor Oldham has now been given a grant from the British Ecological Society to study how the failure of the tunnel is affecting local toad populations. He is to radiotag some of the toads to study

Locals planned collection to block home for patients

By KATHIRYN KNIGHT

NEIGHBOURS of a couple about to go through, and there who bought a £250,000 house apparently to prevent it becoming a home for people with learning difficulties had planned a collection to fund the purchase if there was no

Martin Burr and his wife Beverley are said to have stepped in to buy Kingsdown, a six-bedroom property opposite their own detached home in Merstham, Surrey, after hearing it was to be sold to a housing association.

it was unclear last right whether they had been aided by funding from some of their neighbours, which had been street, Rockshaw Road, in-Conservative councillor.

Richard Buil, former owner of Kingsdown, said one of his neighbours had told him that the residents would stop at nothing to prevent the deal with the housing association from going through Fifty neighbours attended a meeting with the local health trust. to discuss the proposal, al-though he said he and his wife had not been invited.

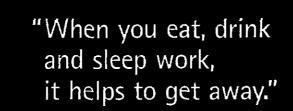
"All hell broke loose when the housing association contacted them as the sale was:

was talk of a number of my neighbours putting the money up but whether that is the case or whether people have simply guaranteed the purchaser will not lose out on the deal I simply don't know, All I can say is that we were extremely close to clinching the sale with the housing association when

all this blew up."
Mr Burr, who owns a tiling company, said the details of the purchase were "of no concern" to anyone else and refused to comment further. Don Marquis, chief execu-

tive of East Surrey NHS Priority Health Care Trust, said he was disappointed by the residents' reaction. "Hav clude a circuit judge and a ing met the residents, the question is now would we want to put people who are fairly vulnerable into that kind of environment?" The Metropolitan Housing

Association uses health authority funds to buy private homes to resettle people with mental disabilities in the com-munity. Michael Ormerod. leader of the Reigate and Banstead Labour Group, said he had been assured that patients, from Royal Earlswood Hospital in Redhill, were not dangerous.





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HRT study will follow fortunes of 30,000 women

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

Britain is to contribute

more than £47 million to-

wards a vaccination pro-

gramme aimed at eradica-

ting polio by 2000. The grant will help to pay for a £140 million project to treat

children under five in In-

dia which last year had more cases than the rest of

the world put together. It is the largest single amount

ever spent on immunisa-tion by the Overseas Dev-

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come from Britain, with the

rest from other countries

which have expressed an in-

terest, including France, Germany, Australia, Ireland,

The Netherlands and South

A TRIAL designed to answer the questions about hormone replacement therapy, taken by one in three British women in

their 50s, begins today.

The international trial. which will last 25 years and cost Elo million, aims to establish how HRT affects the risks of developing a range of diseases, including breast cancer. osteoporosis and heart disease and stroke, as well as measuring the quality of life and well-being of those being

More than 30,000 women between the ages of 50 and 64 are to be recruited for the trial, called Wisdom - Women's International Study of long Duration Oestrogen after Menopause — which will be co-ordinated by the Medical Research Council's Epidemiology and Medical Care Unit in London. The cost is being shared between the council, the Department of Health and the British Heart Foundation

Africa. Volunteers will be split into two groups, with half given HRT and the other half inactive pills that look the same. Treatment will be given for ten years and patients The majority of the women, some 18,000, are expected to followed up for a further ten years. The first results, on the

effects of HRT on the incidence of heart disease and stroke, are expected in 2012.

HRT is now a very common therapy prescribed to women who have reached the menopause. But the treatment. which involves replacing hormones no longer produced by the ovaries, has not been the

subject of a major trial.

The co-ordinator of Wisdom, Dr Madge Vickers, said: "We are optimistic it will yield some extremely valuable answers to a host of questions about the implications of HRT for women's health."

The scientific evidence on HRT is, so far, broadly reassuring. Women seldam develop heart disease before the menopause, a benefit generally attributed to circulating levels of hormones. Maintain ing those levels with HRT should cut the risk in older women, an effect confirmed by smaller trials.

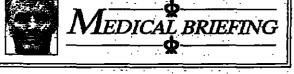
HRT also appears to reduce the risk of the bone-thinning disease osteoporosis and, according to the most recent studies, delays the onset of Alzheimer's disease. A recent five-year study by doctors in Los Angeles estimated that women on HRT gained on average a five year delay in Alzheimer's symptoms. On the debit side, there is

evidence of a small increase in the risks of breast cancer and of blood clots in the legs. A study published last month in The Lancet showed that this risk was small -- an average of two cases a year for every 10,000 women on HRT.

Commenting on that find-ing, two Dutch doctors, Jan Vandenbroucke and Frans Helmerhorst from Leiden University, said that it was a reminder that oestrogen replacement was a therapy with side effects, albeit rare. "Prescribing for purely preventive purposes, without clinical indications, should be underpinned by strong evidence of benefit," they wrote in The

The new trial, assuming it can recruit enough women, should be able to answer such needed because the effects to be measured are small.

HRT has been sold strongly by its proponents as a miracle cure for the effects of the menopause. That means that a lot of women are strongly motivated to opt for it as soon as menopausal symptoms begin. It may not be easy to persuade women who have visited their doctors already convinced that HRT will transform their lives to enter a trial in which they could find themselves spending ten years STUTTAFORD taking a placebo instead.



New anti-ulcer drug

brings NHS relief

HUNDREDS of doctors who specialise in the diseases of the digestive tract have gathered in Paris this week for their

annual meeting.
One small advance in the treatment of indigestion will be as welcome to Treasury. officials as it is to the sufferers. and their doctors. Knoll, which bought Boots Pharmaceutical last year, has introduced Protium pantoprazole, a new anti-ulcer drug which is appreciably cheaper than oth-

ers of its type. The cost to the NHS of their nights ravaged by acute million is spent on indigestion medicines of one sort or another.

Forty years ago, a bottle of medicine for indigestion cost. at most, a penny or two. The doctor took a liberal portion of one of the white antacid powders then available, mixed it with water, told the patient to take it three times a day and hoped for the best. Short of surgery, this was about all medicine had to offer to relieve the crippling pains which could be caused by peptic ulceration or the spilling of the

stomach contents into the lower end of the gullet.

There have been great advances in the treatment of peptic ulceration. H2 receptor antagonists, such as Tagamet, Zantac and other similar preparations have revolutionised treatment. More recently, proton pump inhibitors, such as Losec and Zoton, have been introduced and are even more . The cost, however, of ensur-

ing that the nation's sufferers

from indigestion do not have my patients were given in National during the 1950s has Negfolk during the 1950s has now, if the patients are wise and the doctors generous with funde been replaced by Losec. But the cost to the NHS of this nightly tablet is £35 to £45 a month. Protium will cost £29.76 a month. Indigestion is a major cost to the NHS doctors are consulted about it more than 14 million times a

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Frances Lawrence with Mandela, the family cat, and some of the letters of support. She will reply to them all

Headmaster's widow overwhelmed by support for manifesto of moral values

By CAROL MIDGLEY

THE widow of murdered headmaster Philip Lawrence said yesterday that she had been overwhelmed by the public's "energetic and imaginative" response to her manifesto to rid society of violence and restore civic values.

Frances Lawrence said: "I hoped my words might find an echo but I never imagined they would provoke a response on such a scale. I have been touched by the kind words and strengthened by the support expressed." Mr Lawrence was stabbed outside his school, St George's in Maida Vale, west London, last December.

Since The Times published Mrs Lawrence's manifesto, designed to keep her husband's own values alive and to tackle juvenile violence, politicians have taken up several of her proposals, including a ban on combat knives and an emphasis on teaching children citizenship. Letters

and suggestions of support arrive daily. "When I published my manifesto I was offering only tentative, personal thoughts which I hoped might stimulate others into action," Mrs Lawrence said. "I have been heartened to see how energetically and imaginatively others have risen to the challenge which confronts us all to tackle the causes of violence and heal our fractured society. I hope soon to be able to deliver a considered response to the contributions of others and further thoughts about where we go from here."

Of the hundreds of people who have written to her, she said: "It will take me some time to read all the letters I have been sent. I am determined to respond to every letter but I hope those who have written will understand that I cannot reply to everybody as quickly as I would

Next month politicians, churchmen and school pupils will be invited to the unveiling of a memorial to commemorate the anniversary of Mr Lawrence's death.

RAF chaps resent press interest in female fliers

By MICHAEL EVANS

AN equality protest from men has landed on the desk of the RAF publicity machine, claiming their work is being ignored while women crew are highlighted.

The backlash was aimed at the Service's internal newspaper, RAF News, following articles about women fliers. Flight Lieutenant David Curtis, speaking on behalf of the Support Helicopter Force in Croatia, wrote from his base in Split: "Due to the increasing frequency of front-page articles indicating a bias to-wards reporting of female air crew doing what can only be described as their jobs, we offer our newsworthy item.

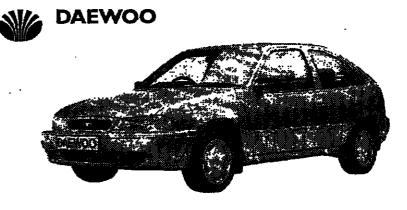
Today an all-male crew reported for work on time. Despite the usual appalling weather conditions, the crew, who incidentally receive the same training as female air crew, managed to complete a full day's tasking. Such an achievement is yet another example of how men have managed to integrate themselves into today's equal op-portunities RAF."

He insisted that he was not slighting female aircrew. but hoped that RAF News would stop reporting every femalerelated occurrence as front page news". The newspaper replied: "Stories appear because they are newsworthy. For most of its history, the RAF has not had women in the cockpit. Inevitably there is fascination in the press."

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Election candidates lower the Union flag as they promise to widen gap with London and Brussels

Independent isle nails three-legged colours to the mast

REPORTS BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

ON THE windswept island where the parliamentary system began over 1,000 years ago, a general election campaign is under way that will return a Government committed to loosening ties with Westminster and Brussels.

Voters on the Isle of Man can choose between 47 candidates for the 24 seats in the House of Keys. As befits so fiercely independent a people, almost all the candidates are standing as independents. The difference between them is reflected by the extent they each want to sever the links that bind the ancient Crown dependency to Britain.

Although only half the 71,000 residents were born on the island, the sense of national identity and self-confidence is keeping pace with the boom that has transformed the tax haven's economy over the past decade. With the mushrooming of financial service industries has come skilled jobs. Instead of the most gifted young people leaving the island to work abroad, they can now look forward to a career at home. This young, well-educated and articulate group are pushing the politicians to loosen the ties.

Although the large majority of Manx people remain loyal



Gelling: favourite for post of Chief Minister

to the Queen, they prefer to call her Lord of Mann. Flagpoles put up to fly Union flags now flaunt the red banner of Man with its three-legged emblem. The Manx language, almost extinct a decade ago, is and 1,500 children are starting

typified by Donald Gelling, 58, Treasury Minister since 1989 and hot favourite to take over as Chief Minister after the election. He has cut taxation. doubled public spending and

than Westminster's."

He does not like Brussels

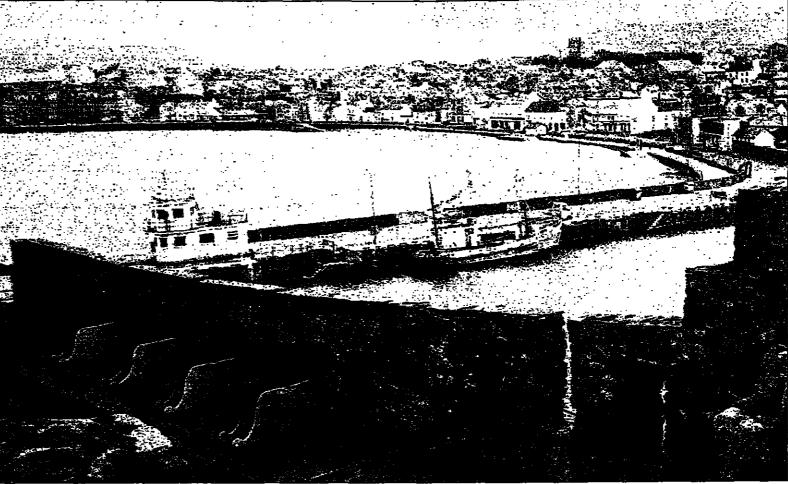


Mr Gelling was outraged by last week's attack on the island's tax haven status by George Foulkes, the Labour overseas development spokesman. "They just don't underworks," he said. "If they took our right to control our taxes away we would end up in

As Chief Minister, he would keep the island on its steady. increasingly independent course. Links with Britain he sees as a kind of necessary evil give island goods a backdoor entrance to European

The outgoing Chief Minis-ter, Miles Walker, 55, is step-ping down after ten years in charge. He hopes to hold his seat and promises he will have more time for his constituents. "As an independent I can represent my community and I am not forced to vote with a party. That is what makes our democracy so much better

David Cretney, 43, leader of the Manx Labour Party - it is not affiliated to the UK Labour Party - and junior Tourism Minister, is just back from a meeting of the International Motorcycle Federation in Bangkok, where he successfully argued against a move to ban the island's TT races on ground that the course is too dangerous. Mr Cretney, who crashed at nearly 90mph on his Honda three years ago in the amateur race, said: This is the finest motorcycle event in the world and we don't want outsiders interfering with the way we run it."



The old world charm of Peel harbour, on the Isle of Man's west coast, contrasts with the boom in high-tech and financial service industries

imperatives that have nothing to do with us." Mr Cretney said. "We are being forced to obey the dictates of Brussels without having any say in the

His views coincide with

those of Edgar Quine, 63, who retired as Deputy Commissioner of the Hong Kong Police 13 years ago and re-turned to his island birth-place. Ten years a member of the House, he will be challenging to become Chief Minister because he feels movement to loosen the ties with the UK is too slow. "The present group blindly," he said. "The UK Brussels and we have to suffer the consequences." He wants to remove the Home Office right to vet Manx law before it passes into the statute book.

Walter Gilbey, 61, is Manx by marriage and has lived on the island since 1974 and been a member of the House of Keys for 14 years. A former Tory county councillor, he is now fiercely independent and is standing on a law and order "God preserve the Isle of Man from the disastrous path of party politics," he

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THE ISLE OF MAN

special relationship with the European Union, allowing markets through the UK. But the island makes no financial contribution to. nor receives money from. EU funds.

It has Europe's first and only free port — a 20-acre site by the main airport at Ronaldsway where manufacturers can import raw materials and export finished goods without paying

The standard rate of income tax is 15 per cent, charged on the first £9,000 income of a single person or £18,000 of a married couple. All income above that level is charged at 20 per cent.

There are no death duties, capital transfer or gifts taxes. capital gains tax or wealth cent. Over 82 per cent of the ture, with 32,000 cattle, 57,000 poultry. Beef exports elected by the House.

are hanned by the EU, although the island had just 12 cases of BSE this year.

Records show Tynwald, the island's Parliament, has been meeting since AD979 and claims to be the oldest legislature in the world in continuous existence. It makes its own fiscal and social policies but external mes are administered on the island's behalf by the UK Government. The legislature has two parts: the House of Keys, which has 24 members elected every five years, and the 11-member Legislative

'Stop overs' bank on a better future

JOE CALLAGHAN is ten are ready to stay," he says. In months old and has his own offshore bank account. His father, Steve, 33, does not qualify yet but is delighted he moved his young family to the Isle of Man, where every baby born is entitled to one.

Steve, a computer expert, is what islanders call a "stop over", an immigrant who came to work and stayed to live. He arrived three years ago with his wife Andrea, 31, daughter Samantha, now 6.

and son Jack, 3. "I was attracted by the quality of life," he says. "There is a good education system, the health service works well and it is safe for the kids to play on the street. On top of that the scenery is wonderful." Steve hopes he has found a safe job in financial services with a much better future than

he had in Britain. "The natives are outle triend you, especially after you buy your own house and show you

two years he will qualify for a permanent work permit. Then he intends to open his own offshore account.

Stuart Mason, 29, another Manx call a "come over" someone on a short contract who will return to Britain. "Underneath you can tell they prefer people who come here to work who are prepared to show long-term commitment

A further category is the "dragged overs", the spouses of Manx-born people persuaded by their partner to settle on the island.

These new categories of immigrants are outnumbering the dying breed of what are known locally as "when I's", the ex-colonials who used to retire to the island from foreign postings and were ramous ior sentence with "When I was

interfering with the way the economy is run, either. Alent with the UK to levy the Cretney: has been fighting a move to ban the TT same VAT rates. The UK sets races on the ground that they are too dangerous its rates according to EU

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Committee selected candidates from Who's Who in bungled selection procedure

LSE fails to find a leader after two-year search

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A TWO-YEAR worldwide search has failed to produce a leader for one of Britain's most prestigious universities, leaving it rudderless at a crucial period in its history.

Governments all over the world have graduates of the London School of Economics in key positions and more than 50 MPs honed their leadership skills there. The LSE should be on a roll. It has been highly successful at attracting both cash-rich overseas students and research income. But, with the school facing an uncertain financial for its vision, has suffered a series of tion committee led by Sir Peter future and an election less than six embarrassing setbacks since Dr Parker, chairman of the university

remains vacant. The LSE's image as an engine of Labour radicalism could not contrast more strongly with the bungled selection process. Snubbed by at least one candidate and unable to agree on an alternative, governors have turned to staff for ideas.

Officially, a field of 300 candidates has been whittled down to five and interviews are imminent, But academics were invited to an open meeting to suggest more names late

The school, fourth in the Times ranking of universities and famed for its vision, has suffered a series of

parture as director. It failed in ambitious schemes to acquire London's County Hall and later St Bartholomew's Hospital, again abandoned an on-off flirtation with top-up fees for its students, and had to reopen the search for a director when Sir John Bourn, the head of the National Audit Office rejected the post two months after it had

been offered to him. The first search for a replacement for Dr Ashworth, who left in eptember to head the British Library, was a disaster. With no clear procedure, the 12-strong selection committee led by Sir Peter shortlist by idiosyncratic means. According to insiders, members

suggested various names which were then looked up in Who's Who and accepted for more serious consideration if there were no violent objections.

No formal interviews were arranged. Instead, the five shortlisted candidates were each invited to dinner at clubs selected by Sir Peter. None of the candidates was female. Baroness Blackstone, the master of Birkbeck College who studied for her Phd at the LSE, was suggested but later rejected, according to one

Out of this process - but not by

John's name. When he turned down the £125,000 job, a furious row broke out among the university's 100 governors. Sir Peter defended his procedure but it was reformed for the second search, with the committee cut from 12 to eight members. Their new shortlist is said to feature at least one woman but no

current LSE academics. Again speculation has focused on Baroness Blackstone, as well as a former LSE lecturer, Dr Nick Stern. chief economist at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Raymond Seitz, former American ambassador to London and a trustee of the National

Gallery, and Dr Alan Budd, an LSE graduate who is chief economic adviser to the Treasury, have also been mentioned. One candidate who came close in the initial process, Dr Jeffrey Jowell, head of law at University College London. may also be back in the frame.

Dr Ashworth, a biologist in charge of Britain's leading social scientists, was never fully accepted. His advice to the new incumbent. "It is a highly political job with every size of capital P and every typography. People forget that although the abbreviation is LSE, the true title is the London School of Economics and Political Science. You forget political science at your peril."

New talks in bid to avert post strike

Leaders of the Communication Workers Union and Royal Mail managers were due to meet today for talks aimed at heading off disruption to the Christmas post. The two sides met for exploratory discus-sions over the weekend in an attempt to find a solution to the long-running dispute over pay, hours and working practices. Union members have voted to resume industrial action which could badly disrupt Christmas deliveries.

Birthday lottery

The National Lottery is to offer an estimated "Superdraw" jackpot of £20 million to celebrate its second anniversa-ry on November 16. There have been two previous "Superdraws" — for £10 million and £13 million. Lottery numbers, page 26

Ramblers protest

The Ramblers' Association has attacked a decision by the Forestry Commission to sell its lease on a 100-acre wood owned by the Church Commissioners. It says walkers have long had access to Hagg Wood in Dunnington. Yorkshire_

Officer sacked

A policeman has been dismissed for racially abusing and sexually harassing female colleagues. PC Tony Worrall, of Marsh Lane Police Station, Bootle, Liverpool, is expected to appeal against the disciplinary hearing's decision.

Dig for history

An aircraft enthusiast is to dig up a road in Hove, East Sussex, this week to identify a Second World War fighter. Keith Arnold, 45, believes it is the Hurricane of Sgt Dennis Noble of 43 Squadron, who died when it crashed in 1940.

Woman on fire

A woman set her herself on fire after dousing herself with petrol from a pump at a garage in Salisbury. The woman, 38, from Lymington, critical but stable with 40 per cent burns to her face and legs.

Birds go hungry

A shortage of natural food will lead to millions of birds depending on human help this winter. Andy Gosler, Oxford University ornithologist, predicts an invasion of gardens because beech trees have produced a poor seed crop.

Tree kills two

A woman and a seven-yearold boy were killed when a tree fell on their car at Ballyclare, Co Antrim. Police said that another child in the car escaped injury. The woman and boy died at the scene of the

Pit wedding

Helen Scott, 32, whose father died of the injuries he suffered in a pit accident when she was only three years old, married as a tribute to him in the winding room of the disused Woodhorn Colliery in Ashington, Northumberland.

Military camps will become prisons to ease overcrowding

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

TWO disused military bases are to be opened as prisons in an attempt to ease overcrowding and cope with a jail population increasing by between 200 and 250 a week.

The Prison Service is plan-ning to house 300 inmates in a former air force base at Scampton in Lincolnshire before Christmas and is looking for another site to hold a further 500 prisoners. Final negotiations over the conversion of the base to a prison are underway but the Prison Service has already earmarked Chris Davidson, a senior gov-ernor, to run the emergency accommodation.

The final details to be agreed include whether the strengthened perimeter fence is to be patrolled by military personnel and if the Prison Service is to purchase the base for long-term use as a jail.

The Prison Service is proposing to use Scampton and the other site for at least two years while it awaits places being provided by six new prisons, currently under construction or planned. Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison crowding and idleness, which

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The Government is braced for a defeat in the High Court this week on how the Prison Service calculates the length of time offenders with concurrent sentences stay in jail. At present time spent on remand for the dominant sentence is taken off the overall sentence but the court is expected to rule later this week that time spent on remand for each sentence should be taken off. Officials believe fewer than 100 prisoners would be freed with 200 sentences reduced.

behind it, have now returned to many institutions."

With the prison population at a record 57,833 on Friday. the emergency use of military bases is the latest in a series of measures aimed at ensuring that the service does not have to nut three inmates in cells designed for one, or resort to the expensive alternative of

holding them in police cells. It has bought four prefabricated units which will be Reform Trust, said: "Over- installed at open and low security Category C prisons by the service thought it had put December. The units will hold

a total of 160 inmates. One thousand extra places have been provided by putting two prisoners in cells designed for solo occupancy in some training and local jails.

The rapidly escalating prison population means that spending on the 135 jails in England and Wales will rise from £1.4 billion in 1996-97 to E1.43 billion in 1998-99. Projections made in September by the Home Office show that the jail population will rise to 59,600 by the end of March next year and to 63,100 by March 1998." The Home Office memoran-

dum for MPs added that some prisoners' regimes would be affected as a result of the rising population. Between April and August this year prisoners spent an average 24.8 hours a week in purposeful activity, below the target of 26.5 hours, and an average three hours a day on education compared with 3.2 hours

☐ Brendan O'Friel, governor of Strangeways jail in Manchester at the time of the riot, and Andrew Barclay, governor of Whitemoor jail





A model cast for £6m Gospel epic

AN EPIC film of the Gospels is moving towards completion at the rate of four seconds a day, but there is no doubt that all the leading figures are just made for

their roles. The world's largest model animation project is aiming to put The Jesus Story into cinemas in 1998, and on television for the millennium. The £66.5 million British and Russian co-production inwhen five IRA terrorists es-caped, have both retired early. | volves scale models of 55 Holy Land locations built at Moscow studios and

240 character models whose movements are shot frame by frame.

The voices will be provided by actors

including Ralph Fiennes as Jesus, Richard E. Grant as John the Baptist, David Thewiis as Judas, Bob Peck as Joseph of Arimathea, Miranda Richardson as Mary Magdalene, William Hurt as Jairus and Ian Holm as Pilate.

The partnership between BBC Wales. British Screen, S4C, and the Russian animators Christmas Films involves responsibility."

Driver hit by concrete

regains consciousness

culprits.

some of the people behind the successful animation, Testament, now being screened on BBC2. Flashbacks and parables will be drawn in Cardiff.

Leading deries were consulted about the script. Chris Grace, director of animation at S4C, said the timing was perfect: There is an upsurge in interest in moral and family values. And as the ear 2000 approaches, the interest in the life of Jesus will be intense. It is a big

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Ruling will end holiday insurance price 'catch'

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

COMPULSORY travel insurance, which can often add up to 20 per cent to the cost of a holiday, must be clearly shown in all future advertisements, the Advertising Standards Authority has ruled.

It has produced a six-point code which will be automatically incorporated into the ABTA code of conduct. The move follows complaints by consumer groups and holidaymakers that they were often being tricked into paying far more for their holiday than they had thought.

If a holiday is subject to compulsory insurance, the

THE motorist critically injured when a concrete block

thrown off a motorway bridge smashed through his wind-

screen has regained con-

sciousness and spoken to his

family. Simon Willmott, 22,

who sustained severe head

and chest injuries in the

accident 17 days ago, opened

his eyes to see his parents, who had spent most of the time at

Mr Willmott, who was driv-

ing from his job as a salesman

with Nynex in Bournemouth,

Dorset, to his home in

Bagshot, Surrey, when he was

Brompton Hospital, west

London, said it was hoped that

he would soon be taken off the critical list. "The fact that he

hit, is still in intensive care. A spokesman for the Royal

his bedside.

typical cost must be stated. The ASA says that future prices must say, for example: "One week holiday in Paris £269 - plus insurance, typically £32 per person."

The typical insurance cost.

must also be sufficiently prominent that it will be easily seen by a reader. A typical insurance cost should be the premium payable by a person in good health between the ages of 18 and 65, it says.

Advertisers may be able to quote prices inclusive of compulsory insurance, but this must be clearly stated. So far, there has been no move to

has regained consciousness is

a good sign but we do not want

to build up people's hopes too much. He still has a long way

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to go," said the spokesman.

force airlines to include departure taxes in their headline prices, now being widely advertised. But Nigel Griffiths. the Shadow consumer affairs spokesman, made clear to ABTA this week that a Labour government would take action on the issue.

The headline figure should reflect the price paid," he said. The headline price used in adverts and promotions must be accurate. The Office of Fair Trading must tackle this, I certainly intend to if I become the minister. Customers are entitled to have the whole cost spelt out when they pre-pay."

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Rifkind tells Israel all settlements on Arab land 'illegal'

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN HEBRON

MALCOLM RIFKIND yesterday sent a blunt message to Israel by reaffirming that Britain believes all Israeli settlements in the occupied territories to be illegal. The Foreign Secretary also restated the importance to the entire Middle East peace process of a resolution of the settlement

The failure of the Hebron negotiations would be bad news for the Palestinians and Israelis working for peace," Mr Rifkind said at a press conference with Mustafa Natshe, Hebron's Palestinian Mayor. Ministers of the Palestinian Authority and other West Bank Mayors were also

Mr Rifkind's forceful emphasis on the illegality of the settlements, both in Hebron and elsewhere, while he was so close to the one in the heart of the city underlined Britain's fundamental disagreement

Jerusalem: The Queen has invited President Weizman to make a state visit to Britain, the first since the creation of Israel in 1948, officials said. David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minis-ter, announced the invitation after talks with Malcolm Rifkind. (AFP)

The Foreign Secretary was at pains to emphasise that Britain, France and other European countries spoke with one voice over the settlements. "We are all seeking success in the peace process, he said, adding that a Palestinian state could not be excluded. "It is an option which must

be available. But, he said, only the Palestinians and the Israelis could determine the success or failure of the peace process. Without Hebron, the peace process was rhetoric, he said. With Hebron, it begins to

Mr Rifkind was forced by

Peace team general sacked by Netanyahu

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

STRAINS between Israel's breaks all the norms of a right-wing Government and the military leadership intensified yesterday after Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, removed the general in charge of the negotiating team with the Palestinians because a newspaper exposed his secret contacts with leaders of the defeated Labour Party.

Shimon Peres, the former Labour Prime Minister, described the suspension of Major-General Oren Shahor as "an unprecedented scandal . He claimed his meetings with the general were informal and did not require

Blaming the Likud Government for creating "divisions ty, added: "This Government

democratic government. General Shahor is an honest man. He did not meet me to give me information. I do not need

Mr Netanyahu defended the suspension: "We are talking about an officer - I think is a unique situation who was making contacts with the heads of parties

On Saturday night, more than 100,000 people gathered at a rally in the Tel Aviv square where Yitzhak Rabin was shot down a year earlier. The demonstrators carried banners saying: "Peace is his

Hours later Natan Sharansky, former Soviet disand hatred" among the Israeli people. Mr Peres, the leader of the opposition Labour Parfor a new war with Syria.

Rover. The security fears were quickly justified when youths on the outskirts of Hebron threw a large rock at the accompanying press bus. A window was smashed but nobody was hurt.

Earlier, Mr Rifkind spoke of the "grave concern" in Britain and the international community over the faltering peace process, and gave Israel a clear warning that it still had much to do in order to regain trust and rebuild confidence after the deterioration that had marked recent months.

Speaking after a meeting with David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minister, he said that he believed peace would only come to the region if Israel and the Palestinians and Israel and her Arab neighbours negotiated directly. "The proper role of the international community is to assist all those who are genuinely working

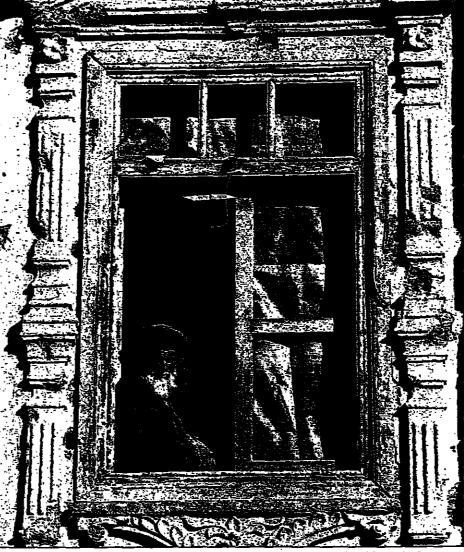
for peace." He also said "words must be matched by deeds",- adding that there was a real prospect of agreement on Hebron, but this should not be a final step "but the beginning of what could be a renaissance of the

peace process".

The Foreign Secretary made clear that Britain saw it as essential for the Israeli Government to move on to the rest of the interim agreement and final status talks with the Palestinians.

The Foreign Secretary said he was deeply concerned by the severe economic problems the Palestinians were facing, and urged Israel to do more to speed aid to the Palestinians by way of granting free passage and co-operating with international organisations. His call followed criticism last week by Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Overseas Development Minister, that Israel had unnecessarily held up the work of the United Nations Relief and Welfare Agency.

Mr Rifkind also visited Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, and President Weizman. He was later meeting Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority



A man sits in morning sunshine at a bomb-damaged school in Kabul

Iraq rejects American claim of missile attack in 'no-fly' zone

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IRAQ yesterday denied a White House statement that a US warplane enforcing a "nofly" zone over southern Iraq had fired a missile at one of its radar sites. It said no incident of any kind had taken place and the "false news" was designed to boost President Clinton's re-election chances.

An Iraqi Foreign Ministry spokesman also insisted Irao was still committed to a decision it made in September not to fire at American, British and French warplanes patrolling northern and southern Iraq, although he repeated Baghdad's long-standing position that the "no-fly" zones were illegal.

The Iraqi assurances sug-gested that President Saddam Hussein was not about to Leading article, page 23 | engage in eleventh-hour mili-

tary brinkmanship with Presi-dent Clinton before tomorrow's elections, although Iraqi challenges in the future are inevitable, diplomats said. State-run Iraqi newspapers yesterday continued to fume at week's US-brokered ceasefire between Iraq's two main Kurdish factions, pre-

dicting it would fail. Iraq has not challenged American warplanes since September, when the United States attacked southern Iraq with cruise missiles and extended the southern "no-fly" zone to punish Baghdad for sending forces into a Kurdish "sale" area. Iraq at first defied the move by vowing to shoot

down allied planes. an American Fl6 warplane had fired a missile at an Iraqi radar installation. The Fl6's pilot had fired the missile because he believed the radar had locked on to his plane while he was patrolling the zone over southern Iraq, the Pentagon added.

However, it was not immediately able to say whether the plane had been targeted specifically or whether the radar

site was destroyed.

Baghdad: Three United Nations oil experts left Iraq yesterday after inspecting the country's oil facilities for possible implementation of a delayed oil-for-food deal with the world body, a UN source in Baghdad said. They checked the Iraqis' metering equipment and oil facilities to see The Pentagon insisted that whether they can handle ex-n American Flo warplane ports, required under the oil accord. (Reuter)

Afghan allies to target Taleban strongholds

From Michael Dynes in sherberghan, afghanistan

Afghan Government are preparing to bring the war into Taleban bastions across the country in an attempt to break the six-week deadlock in the siege of Kabul.

Ğeneral Abdul Rashid Dostum, the ruler of Afghanistan's northern mini-state, is infiltrating arms and men into the countryside around the western city of Herat. which was captured by the Taleban militia last year.

Abdul Karim Khallili the leader of an ethnic army of Shia Muslims that has joined General Ahmed Shah Masood, the ousted Defence Minister, is preparing to open up a third front to the west of Kabul in an effort to weaken Taleban's grip on the city.

Six of General Dostum's MiG23 fighters have been seen at Mazar i-Sharif airbase armed with air-to-air missiles, provoking speculation that they are preparing to take on Taleban warplanes in the air and even bomb the Taleban capital of Kandahar in the south of the country. However, despite a colossal bom-bardment by the combined forces of General Masood and General Dostum, the Taleban Sunni Muslim militia has retained control of Kabul's strategic Dehsabz's Pass in the northeast and the

Khair Khana Pass to the

The Masood-Dostum alliance inflicted two severe beatines on Taleban during the heavy fighting at the mouth of the Panishir Valley and around Bagram airbase. Its forces have also captured vital territory on the two northern approaches to the city. But ey have failed to dislodge the Taleban lighters from their stronghold in the hills. Opening a new front in Herat is intended to stretch Taleban forces to breaking point. Ismael Khan, the former Governor, lost the city to Taleban largely because his fighters descrited when he failed to pay their wages. He is now anxious to take on Talehan and

regain his power with Gener-al Dostum's backing. Taleban is hated in Herat, a Iran, where it has imposed the same brutal regime as exists

FORCES loyal to the former in Kabul Local hostility is so great that Taleban has had to patrol the city in groups in an attempt to deter attacks from civilians.

Reports about the fighting in neighbouring Badghis Province are confused. Generai Dostum's forces claim significant advances against Taleban. But French and South African journalists vis-iting a so-called safe area said they were fired on by Taleban

General Dostum, whose portrait hangs over the gates of his home town of Sherberghan, is being courted by Pakistan, the paymaster of the Taleban insurrection. Islamabad wants him to make a pact with Mullah Muhammad Omah, the one-eyed leader of the Taleban militia. But so far General Masood's alliance with General Dostum has held firm.

General Masood's estimated 12,000 fighters are being paid \$4 (£2.50) a month with a bonns of \$4 every time they go into battle. The war is costing the general \$48,000 a month in wages alone. He cannot prosecute the war indefinitely without some foreign help. General Dostum precipitat-

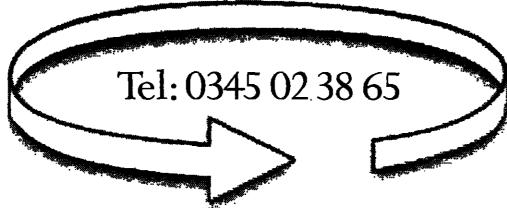
ed the downfall of President Najibullah, the former Moscow-backed leader, by switching sides to the Mujahidin in 1991. He has since swapped his general's uniform for a smart Western suit in an attempt to jettison his image as a pro-communist warlord. But General Dostum has changed sides many times and could easily do so again



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Masood: war wages cost him \$48,000 a month

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Britain cool on plan to open Zaire safety zone for a million refugees

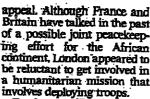
French press for intervention to save fleeing Hutus

By BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS AND MICHAEL EVANS

FRANCE yesterday called on the rest of Europe to prepare for intervention in eastern Zaire as Paris confirmed it was considering plans to open humanitarian corridors to help a million Hutu refugees to escape the ethnic fighting. We are already pre-posi-

tioning supplies, food, water, shelter and clothing. But France cannot act alone. Everyone in other European capitals must now start preparing to act as soon as the opportunity arises, Xavier Emmanuelli, the French Secretary of State for Humanitarian Aid, said.

In London last night, there appeared to be no great enthusiasm either at the Foreign Office or the Ministry of Defence to support France's



interests at this stage were focused solely on the need to help the Africans "to help themselves" in meeting the latest humanitarian crisis. Despite ominous warnings of a bloodbath, there were no moves either by European Governments to intervene to set up safety zones for the

Lake, President Clinton's Nat-



appeal. Although France and Britain have talked in the past of a possible joint peacekeeping effort for the African continent, London appeared to be reluctant to get involved in a humanitarian mission that

involves deploying troops.

Foreign Office officials made it clear that Britain's

In Washington, the White House disclosed that Anthony

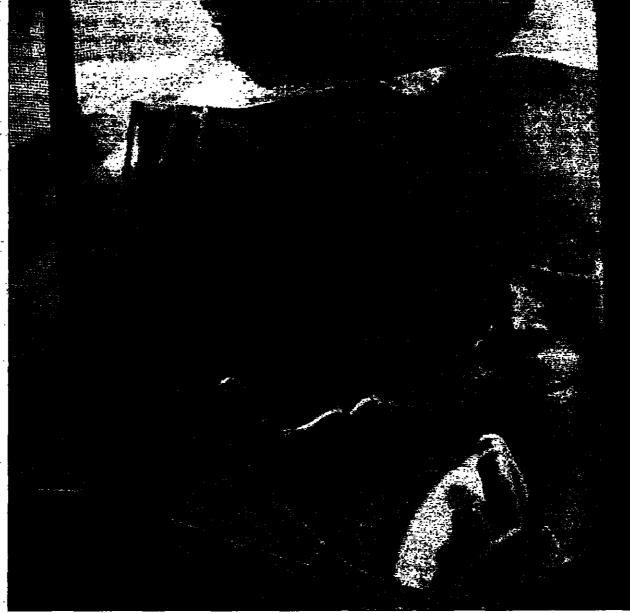
ional Security Adviser, had met President Chirac in Paris to discuss ways to resolve the crisis in Zaire. A spokeswoman said the Administration was making an "all-out effort to assist in resolving the humanitarian crisis". Unfolding France's propos-

als, M Emmanuelli said the EU should intervene under a mandate either from the United Nations or from African heads of state who meet tomorrow to discuss the situation in Zaire. Hervé de Charette, the

French Foreign Minister, contacted Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission. and Dick Spring, the Foreign Minister of Ireland, current holder of the EU presidency, "to discuss how the international community can reply to the urgency of the humanitarian drama" in Kivu province.

France sent troops to stop fighting in Rwanda two years ago, but faced subsequent accusations that Paris was merely seeking to advance French interests in the region.

While M Emmanuelli emphasised the need for a combined European approach to the humanitarian crisis, one senior government adviser said that France should intervene alone. "I am suggesting a unilateral French operation



Rwandan Hutu refugees waiting for biscuits distributed by aid workers at Mugunga camp, west of Goma

capacity in Africa," Gérard Prunier, the academic who advised France on the largely successful Operation Turquoise in 1994, said. M Prunier said the French Army should move quickly to create

a safe passage west, deeper into Zaire, for the refugees. We may have to forget about the rest of Europe and the UN because it will take too long."

In Pretoria, pressure was

mounting on the South African Government to halt arms exports to Rwanda, whose invading troops captured the strategic city of Goma in Zaire on Friday. Even Jan van

ment's decision to sell arms

sador to Zaire, joined in the

calls for the arms deals to be

suspended. President Man-

dela has defended his Govern-

Mobutu may have to leave Switzerland Government, angered by the brutal

> The Zairean leader is said to have several million pounds in German and Swiss banks, most of it hived off profits from diamond and copper mines in

If President Mobutu is discreetly advised to avoid the cold Alpine weather Savigny, a nearby village, which is move on to his other retreat on the

Iz killed in Kashmir gunbattles

Srinagar: Fifteen rople were killed and 25 hous burnt down during gunbalts between Muslim extremist. and Indian troops in Kashmii at

Police reported that militants fighting for an independent state shot dead five people, including two police commandos, in an ambush in Shopian, 30 miles south of this summer capital. The others killed in the attack were a civilian and two relations of a pro-India Muslim politician. The police said three militants and two civilians were killed in another gunbattle between Indian troops and militants in the northern Baramulla district overnight. (AFP)

Cambodian deal for rebel faction

Phnom Penh: Breakaway Khmer Rouge commanders have agreed to merge their force of up to 4,000 fighters with Cambodian government forces on Wednesday, both sides said. Meanwhile.Ki-g Norodom Sihanouk has asked Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader, for details about the fate of Christopher Howes, the British mine-clearance expert abducted more than six months ago. (Reuter)

Nicaragua poll results delay

Miami: Two weeks after its national elections, Nicaragua still awaits the official results amid growing tension and fears of political instability (David Adams writes). The left-wing Sandinista Party. trailing a long way behind the Liberal Alliance in the vote count, claims that the elections were marred by widespread irregularities.

Blow to Bhutto

Lahore: A Pakistani court reinstated the chief minister of Punjab, whose dismissal in September 1995 was recommended by Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister. The Lahore court gave Manzoor Wattoo ten days to show he could muster a majority in the provincial assembly. (Reuter)

Vengeance catches up with Rwandan genocide gangs

From Sam Kiley in gisenyi on the rwanda-zaire border

A RWANDAN army border mannigus [whites] to see the bodies in the camp. There are lots of dead militia and Zairean soldiers down there." On a ridge above, a river of miserable humanity flowed north yesterday, past the foot of Goma's Nyanrangongo vol-

refugees was visible from four miles away across the Zaire-Rwanda border. As the border guard forced the driver to turn around, Zairean rebels drove into Rwanda in a pick-up com-mandeered from the International Committee of the Red

cano. The thick black line of

Rwandan army camp. The incident contradicted the claim of Rwanda's spokesman. Wilson Ndahiro, who yesterday that nefficer training nor weapons had been given to eastern Zaire rebel groups. The dead militiamen re-

were members of the Interahamwe, Rwanda's extremist things responsible for the 1994 genoride of almost a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates. They had been using the refugee camps in Zaire as bases from which to attack Rwanda and kill survivors and witnesses to their geno-cide. Dr Ndahiro would have been pleased that a knock-on effect of the Banyamulenge Tutsi rebel uprising in Zaire's Cross and disappeared into a North and South Kivu prov-

inces has led to the deaths of his Government's enemies. Emma Bonino, the Euro-

pean Union's Humanitarian Commissioner, called yesterday for international military inicryemich to establish manitarian corridors". But her call was dismissed by Dr ferred to by the border guard. _ Ndahiro. "There is no need for intervention. We need to get across to the refugees that they must come home," he said.

His view was partly en-dorsed by the charity, Care International Allison Camp-bell, Care spokeswoman in Gisenvi. said: "Military intervention would only be useful if it were balanced with a magnet to draw the refugees back to Rwanda. It would be disastrous to return to the status quo of the past two years and we would not get involved."

gees crammed into a bay on Lake Kivu in Zaire yesterday, President Mobutu en-joyed a splendid view on a bright autumn day of the French Alps across But the ailing Zairean leader's stay in a

lakeside hotel in Switzerland may not President, who is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer at Lausanne's Univer-

China picks

Hong Kong

kingmakers

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY

IN HONG KONG

CLOSELY supervised by se-

nior Chinese officials, the Se-

lection Committee was formed

over the weekend in Peking to choose Hong Kong's first Chief Executive, who will suc-

ceed Chris Patten, the Governor, and the Provisional Legislative Council to replace the present wholly elected one on July 1, 1997. With a handful of excep-

tions, and as expected, the new committee is made up of reliable allies of China. Members of the Preparatory Committee, 150 people handpicked by Peking to establish the post-handover government, selected 340 candidates from a shortlist of 409

chosen by China, which had scrutinised a list of 5,000 who nominated themselves. Those

chosen include all 86 members of the Preparatory Committee

Apart from the 340, 60 more

Selection Committee members

will be composed of the 26

Hong Kong members of China's National People's Congress and 34 Hong Kong

members of a Peking-based

advisory body, the People's

Political Consultative Confer-

ence. Of the 69 excluded from

the original 409, most are

either democratically inclined

or had little previous experi-

ence on other committees ap-

Three of those chosen present an immediate probem to Mr Patten. They are

Vincent Cheng and Raymond Chien, both members of his

inner Cabinet, the Executive Council. By agreeing to help to

select the Provisional Legisla-

tive Council next month, they

fly in the face of official

government policy that the

body is virtually illegal and that no member of govern-

ment may co-operate with it.

richest tycoons.

The Selection Committee is dominated by Hong Kong's

Meanwhile, more than

1,000 local people marched through central Hong Kong

yesterday, protesting against last week's 11-year jail sentence imposed in Peking on

Wang Dan, the leading dissident.

proved by China.

Selection Committee.

FROM PETER CAPRILLA

IN GENEVA

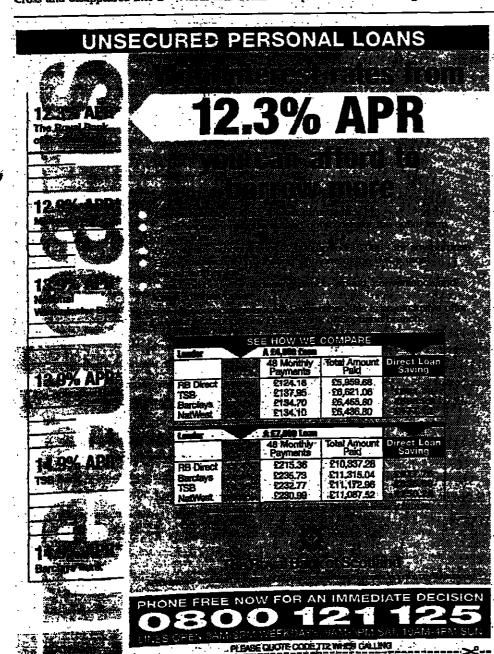
AS SEVERAL hundred thousand refu-

sity Hospital after surgery in August, has a visa that is renewable every month. Before it was last granted on October 24, there were rumours that the Swiss Government would discreetly decline to renew it for a third time.

Now, the justice minister of the local canton, which also has a say in visa applications, and the Mayor of Lausanne, have added to the growing domestic criticism of their embarrassing valued at about £1 million. But the Swiss French Riviera.

suppression of unrest in Zaire three years ago, had made it clear that regular visits would be unwelcome.

Shaba Province.



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Presidential contenders criss-cross America in frenetic final round of campaigning

Clinton targets his appeal on voters' hearts, not minds

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN NEW ORLEANS

PRESIDENT CLINTON has told Americans from California to the Atlantic coast that he has been on the last weekend of the last campaign of his life. As the clock ticks towards the opening of the polls tomorrow morning, Mr Clinton is relentlessly criss-crossing the nation, travelling to a new state every four hours in pursuit of the second term that no Democratic President since Franklin Roosevelt has achieved.

He last slept in his White House bed on Tuesday night: by the time the polls close, he will have visited 16 states, 18 cities and travelled 7,000 miles. Each time Air Force One is airborne, he and his aides gather around its meeting room table to study the opinion polls and squeeze more visits into the timetable. At each stop, the President gets a change of shirt: at every second city, a change of suit. light-coloured for the bright morning sun, and dark for the

floodlit evening rallies.

The punishing schedule on Saturday began in San Antonio's Texan heat; he dropped in on his home town of Little Rock. Arkansas, in the early afternoon, and reached New Orleans at sunset, finally landing in Florida early yesterday. Just four hours later.



Clinton: simple message

early church service, then crossed the state to West Palm Beach and swung up the coast Massachusetts and Maine. Today, in an unbroken 23hour sweep, he will visit New Hampshire, Ohio, Kentucky, Iowa and South Dakota, arriving in Little Rock at dawn

In Texas he was carrying his campaign into a Republican stronghold. In front of the Alamo, the monument to Texan independence from Mexico 130 years ago, he proclaimed that in the last hours before the election what would count in voters' minds "is not evidence but attitudes - it's not about the mind but about the heart". His speeches are dramatically simplified from the

But in the course of each day he repeats only a handful of phrases and the local touch is unfailing. In Little Rock, "it's good to be home and thank you for coming out to say. 'Hi' ". In San Antonio "in 1992 when I came here with Hillary, I ate about \$200 of that mango ice cream (from a wellknown local restaurant] and I've got a little to take with me today". It is a measure of his confidence that his final visits are targeted to help crucial congressional candidates as weil as himself, in New Orleans, on the banks of the Mississippi, with his voice hoarse in the freezing wind, he urged voters to back Democratic candidates across the

However, despite the effort, these flying visits in the last hours are a risky gamble; they drum up more support, but massive organisation needed to receive his retinue will divert local volunteers' efforts away from the task of

urging people to go to vote.

The military-style logistics are working: early yesterday after 19 hours and 1,500 miles. the presidential cavalcade was only seven minutes behind schedule. It will be clear tomorrow whether the election itself has run to the White

Peter Riddell, page 22



An indefatigable Bob Dole greets supporters through a backstage curtain after a rally in St Louis, Missouri. on Saturday during his round-the-clock campaign trip

Dole comes out fighting in the Las Vegas ring

FROM TOM RHODES IN LAS VEGAS

Dole 9

IT WAS as if the neon lights, slot machines and early morning card sharps had given Bob Dole a sudden new energy. At 2.30am yesterday, standing inside a mock boxing ring in Las Vegas, the Republican candidate finally found his

In the face of extreme adversity and 41 hours into his round-the-clock four-day marathon campaign tour for the American presidency, the clean-shaven and freshly suit-ed 73-year-old positively

ed 73-year-old positively bounced onto the stage in the ballroom of the MGM Grand. Gladys Knight had left hours earlier

and Kiss, the glam rock band. had finished their set long before his arrival. leaving a motley collection of leather, platform heels and face paint strangely wav-

ing banners for Dole. "I'll give you a little inside tip here in Las Vegas,"

he said. "Bet on Bob Dole." Wayne Newton, the cabaret singer and promoter known as Mr Vegas, joked of President Clinton's Bridge Over Troubled Whitewater. The candidate was introduced as battling Bob Dole, the 1751b heavyweight from Russell. Kansas, known for his strong finishes. Two boxing gloves hung from a podium which, bearing the simple message "Honest Energy", at one stroke created a metaphor for the scandal-ridden presidency and Mr Dole's ability to knock it down in the final round. The

music was from Rocky. For the first time Mr Dole was grabbing headlines and appeared like a wizened jumping bean in a sea of exhaustion. His wife, Elizabeth, looked worn; Robin, his daughter, was fighting the urge to drop. The assembled media could barely raise a smile as the various, metaphors tripped effortlessly from a man old .

Religious Right may thwart

had been a single half hour shower stop in Detroit on Friday night. Everyone had slept amid dimmed lights on the brief flight between South Dakota and Colorado. Otherwise, the campaign had been a travel and hot meals.

"He must be getting showers up front or something," muttered one colleague from the New York Post. The man hasn't been to bed since Thursday night and he's bet-

Although most remained sceptical about his chances tomorrow, and indeed viewed this 96-hour

6 I will give as nothing short of insanity, there you a little inside tip here grudging respect from even die-hard liberals. in Las Vegas. among the rag-Bet on Bob

> for 25 minutes, Mr Dole talked of President Clinton's recent campaign tinance scandals, of returning power to the states and the people, restoring honour to the military and the White House. He even mentioned the disastrous first two years of the Clinton presidency, a useful target so often absent from

> Dole on the stump. Liberated at last from the constraints of appearing as a Washington outsider, Mr Dole returned to the role he has always played best, that of legislative mechanic. He stumbled occasionally, was a little hoarse and often blinded the audience with his inimitable barrage of Senate jargon. But there was also humour.

"There is only one Bill I want to veto and that's Bill Clinton," he announced to roars from the crowd. California, New Mexico, Arizona and Missouri lay ahead before the final arrival in his native town of Russell, Kansas, tomorrow, The final surge is probably not enough to win Mr Dole the him from the ignominy of

White House hopes of a landslide begin to crumble

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton's hopes of winning a resounding mandate that would silence his critics in tomorrow's election appeared to be slipping. Conversely, the Republicans were growing increasingly confident

There was little doubt Mr Clinton would be comfortably re-elected, but polls suggested the race had tightened to the point where he might tail

vote, If that happened, Mr Clinton. who achieved only 43 per cent in 1992, would be the first President to win twice without majority support.

A Reuter poll put Mr Clinton less than four points ahead, though two other polls still gave him doubledigit leads. Democratic sources acknowledged Mr Clinton's lead had slipped in the Republican South and Rocky Mountain states, but not in California and the Midwest on which his electoral strategy was hased. Individual polls showed Mr

Young otters desperately seeking new homes.

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Gore's Tennessee - all states Mr Clinton carried in 1992.

The tight race came after a week in which the President was battered over his party's solicitation of campaign donations from Asians. Ross Perot appeared to be benefiting from Mr Clinton's slippage, and the Texan billionaire is spending mil-

lions on a final advertising blitz. The congressional elections are much harder to call, but a New York Times survey suggested the Republicans should hold the Senate and to achieve his personal goal of Dole now virtually level in Georgia, could increase their majority. It warning voters not to give the face run-offs on December 10 if they enough to be father to some, him from the winning at least 50 per cent of the Nevada and Vice-President Al identified 17 contests that could go Democrats Congress as well as the fail to achieve 50 per cent of the vote. grandfather to others. There absolute defeat.

either way, eight for Republican-held seats and nine for Democratic ones, but the Democrats must win

all but five to regain the Senate. To recapture the House of Representatives the Democrats must gain 18 seats. A Washington Post survey identified 38 Republican districts which the Democrats have a 50 per cent chance of winning, but also 29 Democratic seats where Republican prospects were equally good.

In a desperate £2.5 million adverasing blick, the Ki

White House, The Christian Coalition vesterday distributed 45 million voter guides". Mr Clinton even visited his home state of Arkansas to dissuade it from electing its first

Republican senator. The unknown factors are the length of Mr Clinton's coat-tails and whether Mr Dole's dim prospects will depress Republican turnout. Control of the House may not be settled until next month. After late boundary changes, a court ruled that

IN WICHITA, KANSAS

Jill Docking, the Democrat

who hopes to succeed Bob

Dole as a senator for Kansas.

"But I'll vote for Jill," she adds.

interjects: "I'll probably vote

for Bob Dole as President - it

would be a real shame for him

to lose Kansas at the end of his

career. But for the Senate, I'll

if Mr Dole's Senate seat, the

basis of his life-long political career, were to fall to a

Democrat on the day he loses

the race for the White House,

as seems likely. But while Mr

Dole looks certain to carry his

home state in the presidential election, the bitter fight for his

Senate seat, which he resigned

The battle, which has split

Kansas Republicans, is also

watched keenly across Ameri-

ca. It will show whether the

conservative brand of Demo-

cratic policy which President

Clinton has made the core of

his campaign can reach across

in June, is a cliffhanger.

It would add insult to injury

vote for Jill."

At her side, Roonie Sellers

Arkansas image to get clean-up

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE new Governor of Arkansas wants to "rehabilitate the age it has sustained during the Clinton presidency and the

Whitewater affair. Governor Mike Huckabee. a Republican, will hold an unprecedented series of meetings and "intimate luncheons" with domestic and international opinion formers in New York this month to try to retrieve the Southern state's good name. Dumping the ethics question on President Clinton's doorstep, he said he wanted to show "that in this state we still believe in some old-fashioned values in doing what is rìght".

The Governor's move was unusual, for home states of Presidents seldom initiate criticism of their famous sons. First Ladies are invited back to open flower shows, and the President's name is given to

streets and buildings.

In contrast, Governor
Huckabee said that the image of Arkansas during the Clinton years did not reflect truly its "natural beauty, hardworking people and good neighbours" or its "entrepre-neurial opportunity". It has not helped that several Arkansans in the Clinton adminis-



traditional party divisions, or whether the far Right and religious Right have the weight to win elections.

In theory, Sam Brownback, the Republican candidate, should be the odds-on favour-. ité to take the seat held for so long by his party. In the race for the other Kansas Senate seat the Republican, Pat Rob-erts, is well ahead. But as one of Newt Gingrich's revolutionaries, who entered the House of Representatives in 1994, Mr Brownback has a reputation as a far-right radical. He opposes abortion and gun control, and has courted religious groups such as the

Christian Coalition. In contrast Mrs Docking, a former stockbroker, is putting forward socially moderate, economically conservative prescriptions. She says that she admires Mr Dole for putting balanced budgets above all — until this year,

when he made tax-cutting the core of his election campaign — and criticises Mr Clinton for shifting "too far to the left" in the first two years of his presidency. She married into a prominent Kansas family her husband was the state's ieutenant-Governor and her father-in-law the Governor. To win, "I need cross-over

Republican women have been alienated by Mr Brownback's support for cuts in environmental programmes and education, and by his stance on abortion and family values. Mrs Docking is a formidable campaigner, warm and.

Republicans", she says. Many

energetic. But she will have a tough fight. Mr Brownback, a young-looking 40, is also personable and fluent. In a highly-charged television de-bate with Mrs Docking on Wednesday, he insisted forcefully: "I am not extreme". He also appears to have the advantage of more money.

Above all, it is the influence of

right-wing religious groups which may prove decisive. In Wichita, candidates associated with religious groups have taken over many political jobs at precinct and town level. Yesterday the Christian Coalition was bombarding churchgoers with leaflets in support of Mr Brownback. Its cash and formidable organisation

Cyberspace pranksters join the battle

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE 1996 election will go down in history as the first US presidential contest waged in cyberspace and may wreak profound changes on future

contenders. With an estimated 12 per This year every candidate from President Clinton to Dr cent of the American electorate now able to gain access to John Hagelin of the Natural the worldwide computer net-Law Party has his own web work, hundreds of sites have site - as do some candidates been set up to report on and who are not officially in the ridicule the candidates. race, such as Fidel Castro, the Unabomber and Kermit the

Visionaries predict that the Frog.
Most of the candidates sites Internet - particularly the booming graphics portion known as the World Wide offer stodgy publicity photographs and recycled policy speeches, although Bob Web - will transform American politics in the same way television did in the 1960s. Dole's includes a crossword Many hope the computer puzzle with clues including "the name of the candidate's

network will promote a more

dog". Voters might be surparticipatory democracy. Becprised, however, if they try to ause of the low cost of the contact the Clinton campaign Internet, minor candidates on the obvious address of can reach the same number of www.clinton96.org or the Dole organisation as voters online as the main www.dole96.org

Both Internet addresses were bagged early in the game by pranksters and are devoted to mocking the respective candidates. (The offiand www.dole96.com).

cial sites are at www.cg96.org We haven't won this one yet." a faux-Clinton says on one of the spoof sites. "Aliens could still invade and endorse Bob Dole." The satirical Dole site reports that the Republican challenger has no hope of

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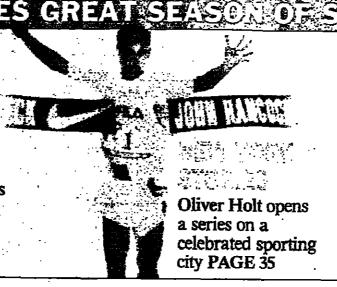
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Laura Davies is set to top golf's money lists on both sides of the Atlantic **PAGE 28**





Despite the attentions of Vickers and Cox, the Middlesbrough defenders, Beardsley manages to steer the ball home for his, and Newcastle's, second goal yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Captain celebrates 700th appearance by taking Newcastle to top of Premiership

Beardsley retains lasting quality

Middlesbrough ..

By ROB HUGHES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THERE still is magic born and bred on the Type. As Newcastle United regained the leadership of the FA Carling Premiership before 36,577 impassioned spectators yesterday evening, the story revolved not around the League

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of Nations players remarkably drawn into an area once destitute, but around Peter Beardsley, playing his 700th competitive club match in England.

supported as a boy. He scored, almost inevitably, the first two goals: he was almost decapitated off the ball by Middlesbrough's energetic Brazilian. Emerson: and, nearing his 36th birthday, still with enthusiasm to burn, Beardsley managed to spot the ballboy the instant he opened the scoring with a penalty, to rush to him, to pass from father to son the love engrained in the Geordie. Yes, that lucky ballboy, was

Drew, his son. "I scared two on my 600th appearance as well. I wish these matches would come around more often," Beardsley said. "But it was a hell of a derby game, and you know that you have to win the battle first, then let football take over. Luckily, we overcame

Luck? What has that got to do with this tale? Beardsley's footballing career began more than 17 years ago in rejection; Gillingham and Cambridge United, for heaven's sake. thought this diminutive man would never have the tenacity for the game. His father, a long-distance lorry driver. kept insisting: "Don't worry Golden Feet, you'll make it." And, after a year and a half in industry, sweeping factory Beardsley captained floors, Beardsley finally took newcastle, the club he had over on the long adventure over on the long adventure that neither he nor his manager, Kevin Keegan, see as even. close to conclusion.

When the man of the match said the battle had first to be won, he spoke with bruised reality. There was a high wind, and high temper, tug-

tions, the Brazilian tried an inventive loop of the ball. ging at the composure of the players. This was the Tyne-Tees affair, and when two Batty never saw it, the two such rivers meet, you can expect turbulence. Indeed, such was the pride with which Middlesbrough crossed the county boundary, that the

Emerson appeared like a magnet to the midfield skirmishing. In the sixth minute, as he charged towards Batty, unconcerned about reputa-

cellided with a force that you could almost feel in the stands. Emerson was first to his feet but, like a boxer with delayed concussion, suddenly his legs buckled, he fell and felt for early ebb and flow was with blood in his left ear.

Inevitably, Batty and Emerson were among the five bookings, but amid the fury, with Emerson the enduring fulcrum of the team in red.

takingly, he managed to nutmeg Ferdinand while he was actually moving sideways. However, Emerson and Gary Willard, the referee, became the butt of crowd hostility after the player appeared to flatten Beardsley with an arm or an

elbow off the ball. But Beardsley, too, has powers of recuperation. In the fortieth minute, after Cox. another of those booked,

there was also beauty. It came fouled Ginola, Beardsley took admittedly, take the most will-from the Brazilian as, breath-responsibility for the penalty. He had missed his last one, against Ferencearos four days earlier; without a nerve end showing he smote this one high and straight past Walsh.

The penalty created a small furore, however, Cox admitted to his manager, Bryan Rob-son, that he "dived in" with the tackle, rather than attempt the customary excuse that Ginola dived to ground; the boot of the Middlesbrough back did.

> not have seen the huge grin on the Belgian's face. Almost in the same instance, the ball was cleared straight through the middle, Ferdinand flicked it on into space and, impishly and inevin to score with an instant shot

The pulsating exchanges

had more than intemperance.

more than guile and effort and

beauty. It had sheer panto-

mime laced into it as well. In

the 69th minute Juninho, who spent much of the game as a

left winger being tracked by

Gillespie, took on Albert. It

was fleeting and farcical; the

5ft 5in Brazilian squaring up

to the 6ft 3in Belgian. He must

have addressed his anger round about waist-high to

Albert and, therefore, could

inside the far post. Six minutes later Beardsley was hunting his hat-trick, but Walsh denied him with a deflection over the bar. From the corner, the ball was only half-cleared and fell to Lee. who unleashed a shot of power that deflected into the net off Vickers.

It took Newcastle's tally to 12 goals in their past three home games. We never got round to the slick passing we are supposed to be about."

Keegan said, "Physically, that is the hardest game we have had this season. Middlesbrough stand up to be counted, and we proved we can

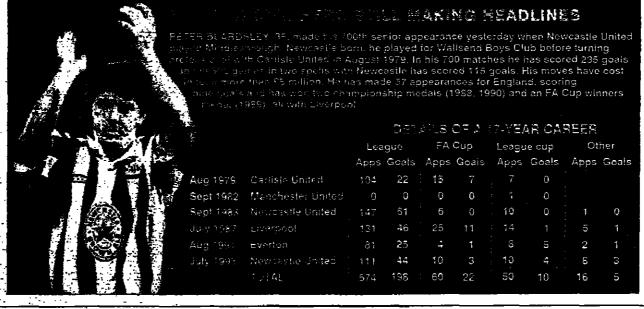
battle and be resilient." Likewise Middlesbrough In the final flourishes they still refused to lie down. Juninho produced a shot that Smicek somehow sliced his shot up against the crossbar, even though he was standing virtually beneath it. Three minutes

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from time, though, the Dane made amends.

Ravanelli was, at that moment, standing irately over Ginola and, as they argued. Stamp — a home grown Teessider — produced the through ball for Beck to score. It deprived Newcastle of a clean sheet, but gave Middlesbrough a proper consolation. NEWCASTLE UNITED (3-5-2). P Smooth D Peacock, P Albort R Elliott — K Gallespe (sub W Barton 82mm), D 6am; P 6eardsley, R Lee, D Ginola — F Asprilla, L Ferdinand

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BBC must act to avoid Grandstand finish

ine days ago. Grand-stand, the BBC's longloved Saturday afternoon flagship, hit rock-bottom, Pretty simple this afternoon." a dejected-looking Steve Rider said. "it's racing and snooker all the way." He was right. Racing and snooker it was, all the way to Final Score. Many more Saturdays like that and Grandstand could soon be going the same way as World of Sport. Remember that racing and wrestling all the

way to Dickie Davies? On Saturday, however, Dougle Donnelly was able to put a slightly braver face on things. Sure, there was racing - there always is racing - but he also had a live international and motor racing. Donnelly looked suitably enthusiastic. The only problem was that the live international was netball and the motor racing, the Formula Ford Festival from Brands Hatch, was, astonishingly, almost a fortnight old.

There is a long tradition of mocking netball which, apart from saying that I will be surprised if a zonal, noncontact sport with no running is quite the answer to the BBC's Saturday afternoon prayers, I do not intend to join. The international between England and Jamaica was live and Hazel Irvine and the organisers worked hard to turn the players into people.

Netball may be the wrong sport, but this approach has to be the right one if Grandstand is to survive. If other channels have bought up your crown jewels, you either give up or you get up off your corporate backside and go and make some more.

That is exactly what



MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

Eurosport plans to do if, as seems virtually certain now, it loses live coverage of Formula One next season. Rather than sulking, the satellite channel is throwing the might of its still rather limited resources behind IndyCar racing in the United States. The channel is sponsoring Mark Blundell. qualifying sessions will be shown live for the first time and Ben Edwards moves over from Formula One to be on site for every race, replacing the American commentary that the channel has taken

until now. If it does not work. it will not be for lack of trying. Compare and contrast that with the BBC's response to date to the loss of Formula One to ITV. Formula Ford races are the perfect length for a programme such as Grandstand, with the semi-finals from the festival lasting less than 12 minutes and the final lasting only three or four minutes longer. All-too-limited highlights, with commentary provided by my colleague, Stephen Slater, showed just what good television it could provide, given the chance. But

For, despite all sorts of nice young men popping up to enthuse about following in the tyre-marks of Irvine, Herbert, Schumacher and Hill, the BBC apparently has no plans to extend its coverage of this Formula One training ground. For a sports department running out of live sport as fast as the BBC's is, this looks like an opportunity

To be fair, this apparent apathy is shared by Sky, which holds the rights to Formula Three coverage. Despite the massive growth of interest in Formula One in recent years, it, too, has no plans to move to live coverage of the British championship next year and will continue

Several times last week, Sky.

showed a well-edited review of the season, which revealed that while Formula Three may not have the household names of the senior division, it offers a lot more in the way of

competitive racing. This is motor racing as it used to be. In a formight's time, you will wonder what I am on about. Between now and Christmas. Grandstand has some cracking live rugby union, thanks largely to the touring Australians. Then, be-fore we know it, there will be skiing, a valedictory Five Na-tions' Championship, the Grand National, the Boat Race, cricket, Wimbledon. Suddenly all will be right with

the BBC world. Come next autumn, though unless the BBC starts to make some positive and innovative plans now, Grandstand could be in all sorts of trouble.

SNOOKER

Ali pushes Pakistan to brink of last eight

By PHIL YATES

SHOWKAT ALI, a Pakistani professional based in Accrington, Lancashire, can decide the fate of two nations when the round-robin phase of the World Cup is concluded in Bangkok today. Ali, the world No 76, has

been the mainstay of a Pakistan side that stands on the verge of the quarter-finals. provided that they enjoy a favourable result against the

group C leaders, England. Three more trame successes in the 7-2 triumph over China yesterday gives Ali. 26, an aggregate of seven wins from the nine frames he has contested. The England team, con-sisting of Nigel Bond, Peter Ebdon and Ronnie O'Sultivan, wili provide substantially sterner opposition than China, the United Arab Emirates and the hosts. Thailand.

However, by securing five frames from the tournament's second favourites, the Pakistan team of Ali, Farhan Mirza and Saleh Mohammad will clinch the runner-up spot.

Even a 9-0 victory for Thailand over the Emirates would not prevent their surprise elimination. Local pride has been sufficiently stung to warrant abusive calls to the Thai media at the Amari Watergate

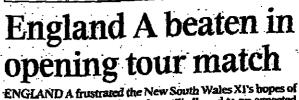
"I thought we had a chance of reaching the quarter-finals," Ali said. "I was just a bit worried how my teammates would react to the pressure of the big occasion. So far, they've handled them-

selves very well."

The Northern Ireland trio of Dennis Taylor, Joe Swail and Terry Murphy breathed a collective sigh of relief when Belgium recovered from a 5-1 deficit to lose only 5-4 against New Zealand in a vital group

Mark Canovan lost the seventh frame to Bjorn Haneveer on the black, Daniel Haenga surrendered a 40-point advantage in the next while Dene O'Kane, the New Zealand captain, saw the ninth snatched from his grasp after missing a black off his spot when 48-12 ahead with only

two reds remaining. With Belgium on 17 points having already completed their schedule, and Iceland out of contention, Northern ireland have only to avoid losing 6-3 or worse against New Zealand, who are on 13, today to finish second in the group and guarantee their progress to the quarter-finals. South Africa bowed out despite a 5-4 victory over Singapore that included three more wins for Silvino



wrapping up a rapid victory, but still slipped to an expected nine-wicket defeat on the opening match of their Australian

nine-wicket defeat on the opening match of their Australian tour in Tanworth yesterday.

Resuming on 132 for five on the final day, still 43 runs away from making NSW bat again, they delayed the Australians' victory celebrations until mid-afternoon after another composed display from 18-year-old batsman Owais Shah. The Middlesex schoolboy, who top-scored in the first innings with 76, batted for nearly 34 hours to score a determined 79 as England were bowled out for 217.NSW took only 17.1 overs to reach their victory target, for the loss of one wicket

Stuart MacGill, the leg-spinner, finally ended Shah's resistance, finishing with five for 84 to claim nine wickets in the match. England A now travel to Adelaide for a one-day match and four-day game against South Australia.

Foreman retains title

BOXING: George Foreman defeated another challenger for his world heavyweight title in Tokyo yesterday and then said he was prepared to meet HIV-infected Tommy Morrison, who scored a first-round knockout win in his comeback. Foreman, 47, said he was ready to fight anybody, anywhere, anytime for a certain amount of money, after retaining his World Boxing Union title with a unanimous decision over fellow-American Crawford

Grimsley.

Foreman, however, could not put his title at stake against Morrison because the WBU will not sanction lights with HIV-infected boxers. Morrison, 27, finished off another American, Marcus Rhode, in 98 seconds with three knockdowns in his first fight since announcing in February that he was HIV-positive.

Matulik traps Panthers

ICE HOCKEY: The three Superleague games on Saturday failed to produce a home winner. Cardiff Devils needed a goal from Ivan Matulik with Il seconds left in overtime to gain a 3-2 win at Nottingham Panthers but, in Sheffield, the Steelers and Newcastle Cobras had to settle for a 2-2 draw after a scoreless overtime period. Manchester Storm travelled home from Bracknell with a 3-1 win over the Bees.

Langer ends long wait

GOLF: Bernhard Langer, right, ended his 13-month spell without a victory when he won the Alfred Dunhill Masters in Hong Kong yesterday. The German shot a final-round 65 for a 17under-par total of 267 to win. by two strokes from Kang Wook-soon, of South Korea, who had a final-round 66. Third-round leader Scott Laycock, of Australia, was a further stroke adrift after a



India have the final say

CRICKET: India secured a dramatic victory over Australia in Mohali yesterday to earn a place in the final of the Titan Cup against South Africa in Bombay on Wednesday. Australia, chasing a target of 290, were given hope by Mark Taylor, who scored 78 off 91 balls, but eventually fell five runs short when Brad Hogg was run out on the first ball of

Directors replaced

CYCLING: The British Cycling Federation has replaced its board of directors with an emergency committee following unrest by the organisation's membership and concern by the Sports Council about the federation's efficiency. ☐ Brothers Peter and David Willemsens, of Belgium, dominated the 27km event at the Eastway circuit, London, yesterday, with Barrie Clarke, of Britain, fifth.

Britons tumble out

BOWLS: Stuart Airey, of Cumbria went out in the second round, and Andy Wills, of Cheltenham, in the quarter-finals of the International Singles Classic in Hong Kong. They were beaten by the eventual finalists. Gerry Baker, of Johannesburg, and John Noonan, of Adelaide, 25-21 and 25-7 respectively. Noonan went on to defeat Baker in the

Belles win to stay top

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL A narrow victory by Doncaster Belles over Liverpool ensured that the Premier National League leaders kept ahead of the chasing pack of London teams, who are waiting to take advantage of any slip from the North's sole representative in the top half of the table. Croydon, Arsenal and Wembley also won, with the latter two clubs scoring seven goals apiece.

Menu tastes victory

MOTOR SPORT: Alain Menu, runner-up in the British Touring Car Championship for the past three years, won yesterday's Autosport RAC Tourist Trophy at Donington Park after dominating the event from start to finish. Menu, of Switzerland, effortlessly regained the ground that he lost during the two compulsory pit-stops to win the 80-lap, 156.5-mile race easing up in his Renault Laguna.

Davies on course to head both money lists

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

LAURA DAVIES wants to finish 1996 as the leading money-winner in both Europe, her home continent, and the United States. This is one of the few records in women's golf that has not yet fallen to Davies, the longest hitter and the biggest draw in

the game. Davies, 33, won the 1996 European order of ment for the fourth time last month. She moved nearer to winning the United States equivalent when she finished second in the Toray Queens Cup in Japan yesterday. Her win-nings of \$69.819 (around £42.000) were sufficient for her to pass Karrie Webb. 21. the US LPGA tour by storm in her rookie season, and move to the top of the LPGA money list with one event remaining. So now it will all come down



Davies: Las Vegas finale

to how well Davies, \$45,000 ahead, and Webb play in the ITT LPGA Tour Championship in Las Vegas, starting on November 21. If Davies becomes the leading player on both sides of the Atantic, then she will have done what Annika Sorenstam, the young Swede, did last year.

Davies captured the European title in Sicily two weeks ago, it was her fourth "home" victory this season and her 48th career win. Even having to stay in a nunnery, where the water was icy cold when she took a morning shower, did not stop Davies. Nor did high winds on the fourth day.

She was in front from the start at Il Picciolo, holding a lead of seven strokes after 54 holes. She was so far ahead that a final round of 76, three over par, was good enough for her to win by three strokes. She did it knowing that Webb, meanwhile, was playing in the lucrative World Championship of Women's Golf in Korea, which presented her with the opportunity to move well ahead of Davies. Webb, however, only finished sixth.

Davies started the fourth round in inashiki four strokes behind Mayumi Hirase. of Japan. It was the sort of situation she loves. She needed to go for everything to stand any chance and go for everything she did. Davies eagled the 18th for a round of 68 that

put her into a play-off with Hirase. The two women each birdied the first extra hole and each got pars at the second. On the third, Davies missed from three feet, her ball grazing the hole before swinging off to the right. Hirase then stepped up to hole her putt for her first victory on the US tour and her seventeenth victory in her eight years as a

professional. Davies last won the US order of merit in 1994, the year that she won at least one event in the United States, Europe, Asia, Japan and Australia and finished No 1 in the world rankings. She won one in four of the events she entered and had five second places and three thirds.

In 1996 she has won two major championships - the McDonald's LPGA Championship and the du Maurier Classic - as well as six others and £750.000 in prize-money around the world. Probably the only disappointment she has had was the way Europe capitulated in the singles of the Solheim Cup. The US won the singles 10-2, Davies losing her match on the loth.

For Davies, golf is a living but it is one to enjoy, along with playing snooker, supporting Liverpool, and kicking around on the full-size football pitch at her home in Ottershaw, Surrey. And for more excitement, she climbs into her second-hand Ferrari and goes for a burn-up. Davies, in short, is something of a phenomenon. As someone who likes a flutter, she may feel at home enough in Las Vegas to win the US money list, too, and bring down the curtain on her most exception-



Enqvist stands tall to block Kafelnikov's advance

FROM ALEX RAMSAY IN PARIS

YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV'S chances of overtaking Pete Sampras at the top of the world tennis rankings by the end of the year became that much slimmer yesterday when he lost the Paris Open final to Thomas Enqvist, of Sweden, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5. It was the first time Enqvist had reached a Mercedes Super Nine final and, once there, he wasted little time in picking up the \$393,000 (about £247,000)

winner's cheque.

Not that Kafelnikov was in any mood to hang about either. The Russian was aiming for his second Paris double this year. Having won the singles and the doubles, with Daniel Vacek, at the French Open, he had been burning the midnight oil this week to try to repeat the feat. In the end it all appeared to catch up with him. A long three-set victory over Byron Black and Grant Connell in the doubles. soon after a three-set singles semi-final win over Petr Korda, was not the best preparation for a sparkling final.

Within ten minutes the French Open champion was 4-0 down and looking distinctly tired. Then again, it was his 158th match of the year and his season still has three weeks left to run. He was broken in the opening game as Enqvist found his range with his ground strokes, and before long the set had whistled by him. As Kafelnikov made error after error on his backhand even the French crowd. one of the most excitable on the European circuit, fell silent. They had expected better than this but Kafelnikov could

not rise to the occasion. As for Enqvist, who is coached by the former player and his best friend. Joakim Nystrom, he had finally hit top form this week after an inconsistent year. Against Edberg and Gustafsson, in the quarter and semi-finals, he had been too strong and too good, hitting the lines with pace and power, but against Kafelnikov he never needed to reach those heights. Only at the start of the third set did he

falter slightly, dropping his service to go 2-0 down. The danger did not last long, however. Enqvist turned up the heat on that fierce backhand to break back to 2-3 and then levelled the scores with three aces to win his serve to love. From then on a succession of aces - 20 in all - kept Kafelníkov at bay. It was a bit too much for Kafelnikov, who eventually gave up the ghost and his own service to go 5-6 down and then stood back to

with four more It all leaves Carl Axel-Hageskok, the Sweden Davis Cup captain, with an interesting problem. With Edberg reaching the quarter-finals. Gustafsson reaching the semis and Enqvist winning the title, who does he leave out of the team to play France in the final later this month? Maybe that was what was keeping the Parisian crowd so quiet.

watch Enqvist serve out the

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FOOTBALL: HENDRY AND SUTTON COME OFF INJURY LIST TO INSPIRE BLACKBURN'S FIRST WIN OF SEASON

Liverpool blocked by Rovers' return



Hendry, left, a mighty force for Blackburn after coming back from injury, slides in to dispossess Berger during the 3-0 demolition of Liverpool at Ewood Park yesterday

Blackbum Rovers Liverpool

By DAVID MILLER

THE boast that the FA Carling Premiership is the best league in the world was shown to be hollow long ago. Just occasionally, the claim seems credible again, as when Blackburn Rovers, rooted to the bottom of the table, handsomely outplayed one of the front-runners. What a bloodstirring surprise this was.

With the granite figure of Hendry back in central defence after an operation and the willowy Sutton returning to lead the attack, this is no cowering remnant of a former champion team. Often denying Liverpool the time to think, let alone weave an attack, Blackburn played a brand of football at times superior to the functional days of Dalglish: the hitof the Wilcox-Ripley and Shearer-Sutton partnerships.

Hendry made Liverpool's defence look anaemic by comparison, effectively putting Fowler in his pocket, though the young England forward had scant support. The consuming challenge of McKinlay, recruited from Dundee United, recalled the dynanism of Billy Bremner. Sutton's skill on the ball, which was the cause of the penalty, after only three minutes, that sent Blackburn's spirits soaring, was constantly perplexing. His masterfully-headed goal. Blackburn's third, ten minutes into the second half, made certain of their first victory in 12 games.

Tony Parkes, their caretaker manager, has transformed morale, building new hope around a 45-1 formation. West Ham were all but defeated last week at Upton Park, and the same brand of tenacity reduced Liverpool's polished act to raggeti disorganisation and hesi-

Yesterday, with Ewood Park full to the brim, Blackburn's midfield took Liverpool apart, exposing alarming incertainty in the rearguard trio o Wright, Matteo and Babb. With Liverpool two down after half an hour and running scared, Roy Evregroup his forces and his formation, from 3-5-2 to 4-4-2. To no avail.

Bjornebye, who had taken a knock early on, was replaced by Redknapp. Thomas switched from central midfield to the right flank to try to subdue Wilcox, while McManaman moved to the left flank and Redknapp partnered a bemused Barnes in the

centre. Evans must have been tempted to substitute Barnes, his captain, so tough was the treatment being imposed on him by the

For the 15 minutes after Redknapp's introduction, Liverpool prospered, constantly counter attacking. They could not cut the lead. Blackburn held firm, and in the second half were seldom seriously threatened. So much of Liverpool's

Resolute Molby .

game is built on one touch. Too often that was all they got.

This could be the first game of the

season for Blackburn," Parkes said. "Now it's onwards and upwards. It was the third goal that clinched it, for us. We wanted to force Liverpool. to change their tactics, but when they did it knocked us off guard temporarily."

Parke said that he would not be putting his hat in the ring for the vacant job, and would not accept it if offered. "I'm quite competent, it's the third time I've been caretaker, but

they'll be looking for a big name," he

Evans was his usual dispassionate self. "A very poor team perfor-mance," he said. "We were careless, and you've got to realise you can't always pass the ball about, that you've got to clear your lines. We didn't chuck it [give up], but seldom looked like saving it. They made our passing game difficult."

They did indeed. Parkes reflected that the 4-5-1 formation that he had used for the past two matches has offered the players something different, a challenge to enjoy, and they have responded. The whistle had barely blown for the start before Liverpool found themselves in difficulty, so pressured that they were passing more backwards than forwards. With only three minutes gone Babb, in desperation, fouled Sutton, who, with hardly a glance behind him, picked up the ball and while the referee was busy administering a yellow card.

With 12 minutes gone, McKinlay was booked for a foul on Berger, one of his many moments of excess, but hard as Liverpool tried to keep calm, they were being hustled into repeated errors. With a quarter of an hour gone, James missed a swirling cross

from Gallacher and Flitcroft headed wide. Liverpool were clearly groggy. They went two down after 22 min-utes. A feeble, misjudged back-pass by Barnes put Babb in trouble. He failed to control the ball and was robbed by Flitcroft. Again Gallacher swung the ball over, James and Wright thought about going for the ball, did not, and Wilcox, coming in to meet it from the left, thumped i

Redknapp brought some semblance of co-ordination to Liverpool's ranks. Fowler sent a searing shot over the bar. Barnes, from an opening created by Redknapp, likewise shot too high. Berger went close with a low one and Barnes, offered a further chance by McManaman, forced Flowers to turn the ball round For Liverpool, that was about it.

Sutton's glancing header from Gallacher's low, diagonal cross, left Liverpool shredded. Today they will need not so much training as therapy.

LIVERPOOL (3-5-2)* D James — M Winght, D Matteo P Babb — J McAteer, S McMananan, M Thomes J Barnes, S Bjornebye (sub. J Redkinapp, 31) — R Fowler, P Berger (sub. S Collymore, 56)

Why I would have backed players' strike

can see myself now, out-side Anfield at 3am. L throwing spuds on a brazier, woolly hat on my head and placard in my hand. In reality, it wouldn't be so dramatic, but I would go on strike for my union, and I think that the overwhelming majority of my fellow players would do the same. That was the clear message when the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) balloted its Nationwide League members

The dispute with the Football League did not involve FA Carling Premiership players, but I know there is strong support from all the players for Gordon Taylor and his position on the union's slice of television money.

It looks as though the dispute has been resolved, and l'm glad, because it is an issue the players do feel strongly about. The union deserves a fair slice of television money, because it does great things for its members — and don't forget that it is the members who generate all that television money in the first place. I have heard the players

accused of being greedy for wanting this money, but that is missing the point. It is not the players earning thousands a week who are benefiting most from this, but the less fortunate members.

amount of work for all the players, but particularly those from the smaller

clubs. It puts on courses, helps inured players, helps in retraining and helps many of them survive. When they are injured, out of the whatever. the union helps.

players going on strike to earn more money, but to ensure the welfare of those people that help generate the money that is now pouring into the game. It is such a powerful union because we all stick together.

It would be easy for the top players to ignore the needs of the lower-division clubs but it is important for the game that we don't. It needs players and many of the top players came from the lower leagues originally.

If there wasn't the support system, then many would not emerge. Remember, there are thousands of members in the PFA, and only a fraction of them are earning the sort of money people read about. Is it wrong of the union to want to stand by agreements going back decades so that it can help the players that need it?

I think some people have been getting the issue confused. They seem to think it is greedy players wanting to cash in, wanting to earn even more money. People see top players earning decent wages and immediately think they are greedy - that all football-

ers are greedy. Some players are on massive wages but, believe me, a lot of the figures are exaggerated. People have said to me that nurses should be on more than footballers and there is no doubt that they should be getting a lot more for what

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on an issue that has united PFA members

they do. There is a moral issue there and, in some ways, you do question whether there should be so much money in football. But on the other the top footballers are generating that money. The game obviously would be worth nothing without its players, so why shouldn't the players get

a decent share of the spoils? I'm not saying that the players should get all the money - there's no point in players earning huge salaries if their stadium is falling down. Nobody wants to see clubs going bust either, so the money should be channelled down to the lower divisions to

ensure that there is a healthy struc-It should be re-

'Injury can membered that eveasily end ery player has a limited shelf life, a a career at relatively short any stage' career. On top of

that, we run the risk of injury that It's simply not a question of could end our careers at any stage, and everyone wants to look after their families, to provide security for their future. If the money is there, it would be foolish not to take it when you examine your longterm prospects.

Every player is under pressures, too, pressures that maybe did not exist ten or 20 years ago. We are in the public eye and often perceived as role lems surrounding Paul Gascoigne have been such big news recently.

He has been condemned but Glenn Hoddle has stood by him. I know Gazza, but I don't know what happens in his private life. Nobody knows the pressures Gazza experiences, except him. It is an emotive issue, but without knowing what he and his family have gone through, it would be wrong to pass judgment. How can anyone, excep those that know the facts?

There are so many things for players to cope with and that's why players need sup-port, from each other and from their professional body.

Again. that's where the union comes in. When a player is finished, he is no use to a club, and will be eased out of the door, perhaps without a future. Where do we turn? That is why I would strike for my union - and that is why the PFA enjoys such widespread support among its members.

Ferguson injury keeps Royle and Brown



NICK BARMBY, Everton's record signing, makes his debut against Coventry City at Goodison Park tonight, but he may have to wait to begin a partnership with Duncan Ferguson. Ferguson, the Everton striker, has a calf strain, and may not be fit to return after his month-long lay-off because of a groin injury and suspension. "We'll give him every chance," Joe Royle, the manager, said yesterday, "but at the moment he is very doubtful."

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager. was intending to watch Ferguson this evening in the hope that he will be available for the World Cup qualifying match against Sweden on Sunday. If Ferguson misses the game tonight, though, he is unlikely to be able to join

Everton have won their past three games without Ferguson and now have to accommodate Barmby, their £5.75 million signing from Middles-brough. Royle has been coy about exactly how he intends to use Barmby in the long term, but tonight he is expected to play at the front, replacing either Michael Branch or Graham

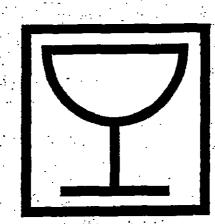
Blackburn Rovers' first win in the FA Carling Premiership yesterday means matters are even tighter at the bottom, making the game even more important for Coventry. They will be without Dublin, leaving their attack in the hands of Whelan and either Jess or Ndlovu. "It seems that whenever we get a player fit, someone else gets an injury." Ron Atkinson, the Coventry manager, said. 'I've never

known a club like this for injuries." Savo Milosevic's move from Aston Villa to Perugia was on hold yesterday because the Italian club apparently changed their mind about paying Villa's £4.5 million asking price. "The problem is definitely at the Perugia end," Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman,

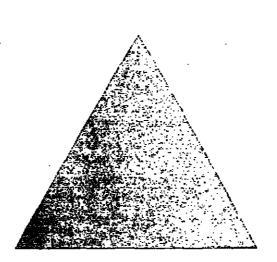
we've shaken hands on the transfer and agreed everything."

Jim Fallon yesterday resigned as manager of Dumbarton, the team who are second from bottom of the Bell's Scottish League second division, insisting he had decided to leave before the 5-0 defeat by Livingston on Saturday. "I had told the directors on Thursday that I was going - win, lose or draw," Fallon said

"Football is an enjoyment as far as I am concerned, but I am not enjoying it at the moment. However, I would like to get back into the game some time in



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FOOTBALL

Ferguson pledges to reopen case for the defence

Manchester United 1

By PETER BALL

INSTEAD of celebrating his ten years in charge of Manchester United this week. Alex Ferguson is faced with reviving his faltering team. If talk of crisis would be exagger-ated, four defeats in five games can no longer be

passed off as a mere blip. In many ways, the performance on Saturday was the most worrying yet. The team looked short of confidence and form as Chelsea maintained their remarkable record at Old Trafford, where they have only lost twice in the league in

We're no different from any other team." Ferguson said. "If you get a run of results like we've been getting, it does affect confidence." Even Peter Schmeichel, the goalkeeper, usually so strong and positive, has been affected, proving culpable for both Chelsea goals.

'Chelsea deserved to win. there's no question about that," Ferguson said. "If they d scored two goals which they'd had to work for, we'd maybe say: 'Well, we were well beaten', but they were two terrible goals to lose

"If you're defending properly, it gives you a base to get something out of a game, but we've lost goals where we didn't expect to: lucky goals, scrappy goals, great goals. The defending wasn't acceptable today. And, in view of the bad goals we have been losing recently, that's something

Schmeichel's responsibility for the 12 goals that Newcastle Southampton and Fenerbahçe put past him is debatable, apart from the one where he was beaten at the near post at The Dell, but on Saturday he was the main culprit, if not the only one, for

both Chelsea goals. For the first he made an unconvincing attempt to stop Duberry's soft header, but the which originated when Vialli's run beat the offside trap, was more worry-Normally Schmeichel would have been out to meet

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ball and player; but his hesitation allowed the Italian to bring the ball down and beat him at his leisure. It betrayed Schmeichel's lack of confidence: did he fear being chipped again?

If, this time, the finger was being pointed at Schmeichel. who is big enough to come back, the defence in general was clearly lacking its old authority. The goals were just a reflection of the trouble United had with Chelsea all afternoon as they broke quickly from midfield in support of

Hughes and Vialli. Their two front players coming short was a major problem for us; it meant their midfield could run in hope in the acres of space behind us," Ferguson said. "I thought that was a deciding factor in the

In previous games this sea-

shadow of his old self, but on Saturday, fired by a return to his former stamping ground, he was rampant. So strong, so powerful, he was always available and impossible to knock off the ball, hard as May tried.

If one returning old boy pointed up United's problems, Ferguson was left to reflect on the telling absence of another. There will be occasions when we suffer from the loss of a defensive colossus such as Steve Bruce," he said. "His sheer enthusiasm and priceless will to win cannot easily

However, if Bruce's greater strength and huge appetite for the physical battle might have given Hughes a harder ride. May was probably United's best player. Until a late flurry, his headers at dead-ball kicks were certainly their most po-tent threat, and it was his intended deflection of Poborsky's volley that brought United their goal.

They might even, as Ferguson said, have snatched an undeserved equaliser, but Keane's header hit Cantona and dropped wide. That, along with an air shot when Beckham set him up, summed up Cantona's day, maybe Cantona's formight.

In fact, restored to something close to his favourite role, he probably played better on Saturday than in the earlier games. United, though, need him to give the lead, and he is not doing it.

How United miss Giggs whose absence has highlighted the ignorance of the criticism of him earlier this season, and likewise Cole,



whose value as a leader of the attack has been consistently underrated, whatever his failines in front of eoal.

We'll get out of it, there's no question about that, it's just a phase we're going through," Giggs, and eventually Pall-

ister and Cole, will help, but will it happen soon enough? Juventus arrive in two weeks, the trip to Rapid Vienna for the game that will decide their European fate is only four weeks away. By then, the plan to stay in touch

while concentrating on Europe might be in tatters.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-3-1-2): P Schmechel — Dinvin, D May, R Johnsen, P Naville — D Beckham, R Koane, N Butt — E Centona — P Scholes (subr K Poborsia), 66mini, O G Solskjaer CHELSEA (3-5-2): K Hitchcook — M Duberry, Flubboad, S Clarke — D Petreccu, C Burley, R Di Matileo, D Wisa, S Minto — G Valli, M Hughes. Referee; K Burge. in the FA Carling Premiership

Le Tissier lies in wait with the unexpected

Simon Barnes watches patiently for a sighting of a rare football species

ave you ever staked out a water-hole in the African bush? It is extremely exciting. You get there tremendously early, and you sit there for hours and nours and absolutely nothing happens. And yet you never look away because you know that, if you did, you would miss something so ridiculousy wonderful you will never orget it. It's not about what

happens, it's about what might happen. If you wish to duplicate this experience without the trouble and expense of going to Africa, I suggest you become a Southampton supporter. Or. to put it another way, a Le

Tissier supporter. Watch him for hours, and well, as I say, absolutely nothing happens. He is just urking about, looking miserable. He looks less like a footballer than anyone of that calling in England. He looks like Eeyore, glumly moving about and having his being in his own private place, rather

boggy and sad. Look away from him at your peril, though. For, at any one moment, he might turn into a lion. And all your hours of waiting at the water-hole are worthwhile.

The previous weekend saw Le Tissier at his most intermitently leonine, as Southampton gave Manchester United a 6-3 mauling. On Saturday, they went to Sheffield Wednesday and it was more like a normal day in the bush as the teams finished at 1-1.

A couple of years back, Le Tissier spent a season being the greatest genius ever to kick a ball. It was a throwback to the Seventies, and the days when you went to see a team to watch a single player do his stuff. Marsh. Currie, Bowles. Not that there was ever anything remotely flash about Le Tissier. He was simply capable of moving in an instant from diffidence to brilliance and back again, and he did so

He could not do it last season, though. Mostly, this was seen as a complicated reaction to being passed over as an England player. He drifted through games look-ing as if he did not care. Obviously, appearances deceived. Le Tissier was trying with all his might, it is just that his trying is not the running about-in-circles kind. No doubt his mind was spinning with all kinds of desperate effort, but the end result was that he lurked about looking rather boggy and sad.

Now, though, the Le Tissier lion is back making its usual sporadic and unpredictable appearances, and Southampton are very well worth stak-ing out again. Is it being back in the England squad? Is it being under a new manager Graeme Souness? Is it having a simpatico fellow in Berk-ovic to play off? Or all three?

No great matter, really. It is just good to sit there, waiting to see if the lion will turn up, and knowing that it very well might. Even though Wednesday took the lead in the fourteenth minute through Newsome, it was always Southampton and Le Tissier you watched for.

And the wait was rewarded when he broke through on the end of a sudden counterattack to unleash a dipping drive onto the crossbar. In that instant, it was clear that Le Tissier's relish for football, subtle and understated though it is, is back.

erkovic's cross gave as B the next big-game sighting. Le Tissier performed one of those tricks that all pros can do in training, and very few in a match: the simple chest-down and volley. Pressman, having a good afternoon, pulled off an excellent hand-stinging save and later he balked him again with a fine foot-stop.

Cup

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It was very nearly a game of nearlys for Le Tissier but Nolan brought down Osten-stad, and Le Tissier took the penalty with his usual aplomb to sustain an impressive statistic he has scored in six successive games.

Perhaps, it was suggested afterwards, he was tending to be just a trifle overelaborate in front of goal. Souness was uncompromising in his respouse. You can't criticise him - he is a proven goalscorer," the manager said. "I'm happy with his form. And I'm still looking for

There is a little contradiction for you, but Le Tissier demands such things. He remains the most compelling footballer in England, not for what he does, but for what he might do. No other player conveys that sense of almost limitless possibility.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (45-1): K Presemen — P Atherton, J Newsonne, D Walker, I Nolan — S Ostes (sub: G Whitingham, 79mm), B Carbone (sub: R Humphreys, 87), M Pembrodge, G Hyde, O Trustivit (sub: R Blinker, 70) — A Booth Internal (state: 1 Hathker, 70) — A Boom.
SOUTHAMPTON (3-52): C Woods — R
Dryden (state: G Potter, 83); C Lundehvam
(state: J Magilton, 61); U vam Gobbel — S
Charlton, A Neilson, E Berkovic, J Dodd, M
Celdley (state: R Stater, 77) — M Let Tissier, E
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West Ham pay heavy penalty for Bilic blunder thal, who came on as a ninetieth

Tottenham Hotspur.

West Ham United.. By Brian Glanville

AFTER a first haif of dreadful sterility. West Ham dominated the game and lost Lost, moreover, to a

slightly ludicrous goal. Their Croatian defender, Slaven Bilic, gave it away, and afterwards Harry Redknapp, West Ham's ebullient manager, was understandably dismayed. "Slaven made a mistake," he said. "Going to play it, let it run,

and got in a bit of a muddle with it." Indeed he did. Chris Armstrong, largely invisible and unsupported until then, gratefully pounced on the the sting off it, he could not prevent it

ame and were utterly dominant, but they could not capitalise.

Indeed, it was another 20 minutes before Bilic, now upfield, let fly a tremendous left-footer from outside the box which beat Walker, only to rebound from the inside of the post. Ten minutes before the Tottenham

Hotspur goal, a delightful flick by Dowie returned the ball to Porfirio, only for Walker to dive on the shot. The Spurs keeper also did well to block another attempt by the mercurial Portugese, after Rieper played a ball back. "The little fellow

ball, shot, and though Miklosko took worked some great positions for forced Teddy Sheringham to drop himself, and didn't score," Redknapp

Gerry Francis is wont to round up time West Harn had raised their the usual (absent) suspects, and he when served by Armstrong. did so again, pointing to the injured Mabbutt, Anderton (who may be back in a fortnight - where have we heard that before?). Fox and Sinton. So the tyro striker Allen had to play on the right flank and Edinburgh had to overlap from full back on the

> "It caused us to pass the ball too much in the middle area," Francis said. "In the second half, we kept getting caught trying to pass the ball around in the middle areas, because we hadn't got dribblers."

Lack of craft and flair in midfield

deep for much of the game, working well, though he himself late in the game lobbed a sitter over the bar.

"I thought Teddy did a great job today," Francis said, "passing the ball and controlling the ball." Francis, accused like his club of being too passive in the transfer market, said that Spurs were negotiating for three players. If today Queens Park Rangers decide to sell their forward, Trevor Sinclair, Spurs would be interested, but other deals

were, he claimed, further advanced. Sinton and Fox, the Spurs wingers, are likely to be back by the time the FA Carling Premiership restarts in a couple of weeks and Ronny Rosen-

minute substitute, should be fully recovered from his hamstring pull. "West Ham play a very unusual tight system," Francis said. "A lot of fluid players moving around. You have to concentrate to stop them

getting through and causing you

problems." But fluidity, like patriotism, is not enough. So Spurs squeaked through to their second uneasy home League win of the season.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Welfer — S Carr, C Caldenwood, S Campbell, J Edinburgh — R Allen (sub: R Rosenthal, 90min), D Howells, A Nellsen, C Wilson — E Sheringham, C Armstrong.

WEST HAM UNITED (3-5-2): L Mikosko — M Risper, S Bite, J Dicks — T Breacker, I Bishop, J Monour (subt P Futre, 75). M Hughes, S Lazandis — I Dowle, H Porfino.

Forest stuck in wasteland

Sunderland

By DAVID MADDOCK

CAN you imagine Peter Reid looking more hang-dog than usual? He was, and it was detectable, just, after what he described as a frustrating performance from his side. This is the most disappointed I've felt after a game this season," he said. "We should have nailed them, and we didn t."

The Sunderland manager was reflecting on a contest which his side dominated during the first half, and yet contrived not just to lose, but to lose badly. His point was, however, not just that Leeds United should have been beaten on the day, but that it was a real opportunity for victory, even before the kick-off.

Reid is a canny manager, he understands the imbalance intrinsic in the make-up of the FA Carling Premiership. Sunderland will not often travel with confidence this season. and to waste such an opportunity is a criminal neglect of points that are hard enough to come by as it is.

The sight of lan Rush lining up on the right wing was illustration enough of how vulnerable Leeds were. Their nervy, anonymous opening was mere confirmation. Rush admitted afterwards that Reid is astute enough to have targeted this game as one Sunderland could have won. hence his frustration.

Sunderland lose their way

Reid seems to be picking and choosing his matches. reasoning the best games in which to go for broke. This was one, with Michael Bridges, 18 and a rare talent, given a rare outing. It did not work because Sunderland did not convert their first-half dominance into goals.



Reid: frustrating afternoon

"We played well, but, if you don't nail opponents, you pay the penalty," Reid said. George Graham, the Leeds manager, was equally dismissive of a scoreline that flattered a team still short on experience and confidence. We still have a lot of work to do," he said. "There is no use working during the week and then throwing it out on

Saturday."

Leeds went into the interval ahead, but only after Nigel Martyn, their goalkeeper, had saved well from Kelly, Hall and Stewart. The goal, after 27 minutes, was the only move of note Leeds put together in an undistinguished first half.

Wallace drifted down the right flank, swivelled and crossed into an empty box. It looked aimless, but was transformed into brilliance by the late arrival of Mark Ford, who steered a deft header into the

Sunderland lost Howey through injury early in the second half, and there followed what Reid described as ten minutes of madness, where first Sharpe, latching on to a rebound after Deane had bundled into Perez, the Sunderland goalkeeper, found the net, and then Deane made things comfortable with an acrobatic volley on the turn from Bowyer's cross.

Leeds will not always have such fortune, and even with the astute Graham at the helm, will struggle this season. So will Sunderland, unless Reid can rid them of their habit of leaving pointless. when their performance was

anything but. LEEOS UNITED (4-4-2) N Mertyn — G Kelly D Weiterell, P Beasley, L Radebe — I Rush, M Ford, L Bonyer (sub A Couzens, 79min), L Sharpe — 8 Deene, R Wallace. 7 smm; L Snarpe — B Deane, P Walace: SUNDERLAND (44-2); L Perez — G Hall, L Howey (subr A Rae, 53), A Mehille, M Scott — D Kelly, K Ball, P Bracewell, M Gray — P Stewart (subr.) J Mullin, 79; M Bridges (sub. C Russell, 60). Referee: S Drum

Derby County refuse to follow the script

Derby County..... Leicester City0

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IT WAS billed as the day that

Leicester City, the pundits' favourites to fall swiftly through the FA Carling Premiership trapdoor, might take over as top team in the Midlands. If Aston Vilia slipped up against Nottingham Forest, and Leicester saw off Derby County, Martin O'Neill's battling braves would secure local bragging rights. No mean achievement. At the Baseball Ground on Saturday, the script was not adhered to. Not only did Villa ease past Forest but Leicester did not even retain leading status in the East Midlands. Derby's flattering victory eased them above Leicester,

crow of regional superiority. "Was it a case of After the Lord Mayor's Show?" O'Neill was asked, the question posed amid the still vivid memory of Leicester's surprise 2-0 victory against Newcastle United the previous weekend. "I thought that would be brought up," he said, "and, no, I don't think

on goal difference, and it was

Jim Smith, the Derby manag-

er, not O'Neill, who could

SO." Smith was asked if Derby were back on track, after a first win in seven weeks. "Yes, I suppose so. Trouble is, we've now got a fortnight off because of the internationals." County must make do with a Derbyshire Senior Cup clash against Chesterfield

Claridge shaved the crossbar early on for Leicester while Rowett saw his power ful, downward header blocked on the line. First half over: much ado about nothing.

Asanovic often appeared lost - maybe missing the influence of Stimac, his Croatian team-mate and interpreter - but Derby still managed to claw their way in front in the 56th minute. Lawrsen crossed, Dailly nodded it back and Ward claimed the final touch ahead of Poole. With a minute remaining, Derby settled it. Sturridge collected Ward's flick and pulled the ball back from the byline, where Whitlow, the Leicester defender, was un-able to get out of the way. It hit him and trickled over the line - an untidy finish to an

untidy game. PERBY COURTY (3-4-2-1): If House — 0 Yates, P McGroth, G Rowelt — J Laursen, S Pyrin, D Powelt, C Powel — C Delity (auto. 0 Surridge, 77mm), A Asenovic (sub: 1 Simpson, 85) — A Ward LEICESTER CITY (3-5-2) K Poole — S Proof (subr J Lawrence, 43), J Wetts, C Hill (sub: I Mersholl, 65) — S Grayson, S Taylor (sub: I Mersholl, 65) — K Grayson, S Taylor (subr G Parker, 65), N Lennon, M bzze, M Whittow — S Clandgo, E Heskey

Nottingham Forest 0

By KETTH PIKE

HE RAISED a prolonged and

genuine smile in defeat, which says something about his character but even more about the practice he has been getting. Yet Frank Clark sounded for all the world like a man who knows that his time is running out, and very likely it is.

That Nottingham Forest lost to an eminently beatable Aston Villa side on Saturday scratched the surface of their predicament, but there were other, more profound signs. When a team is looking to the return to fitness of Kevin Campbell for salvation, it is in a sorry state; and when, with October scarcely past, the manager is already saying: "There are 26 games left and we have got to try and win as many as we can." the depth of

the crisis is exposed. Forest have now scraped two FA Carling Premiership points out of 21, and both of those were tinged with good fortune. Here they had little, undone by a spiteful deflec-tion, a goalkeeping mistake another one - and the wastefulness of Jason Lee, whose finishing plunged from the inept to the embarrassing.

At the present rate, Forest will be down by Christmas.

Clark needs to buy, wants to buy; but cannot buy, at least until negotiations for a boardroom takeover at the City Ground are complete, which he said would be "five or six weeks" at the minimum, and give the manager £10 million to spend. "I want us to have won some games before it takes place, otherwise it will

be somebody else spending the money," he said. "But we are not sitting on



Clark: under pressure

our hands waiting for it to happen. The answer lies in the dressing-room (preventing morale from imploding and the treatment room Bart-Williams and Stone, as well as Campbell, are injured. We have got to start winning games otherwise we will be tailed off, but I am not lying awake at night worrying alxuut it."

He should be. With Lee's

bootlaces tied together as securely as the club's pursestrings. Saunders scampering ineffectually and Roy clearly uninterested, Forest do not have the firepower to trouble any tearn. They passed the ball as well as Villa for long periods of a dull match, but when push came to shove in the opposing penalty areas. Villa twice came to life while Lee simply came to grief.

Lee's first miss, finding Oakes's outstretched hands after Woan's immaculate cross, was negligent. His second was simply laughable. Lee had already beaten the goalkeeper, but his shot was so tame that Tiler was able to make up ground to clear. By the time that Lee

spurned a routine far-post heading chance, Tiler, the Forest old boy, had rubbed salt in the wounds by capitalising on a fortuitous ricochet, and before Woan dragged another great chance wide. Yorke's smart overhead kick had punished Crossley's weak flap at a corner. Villa might have then had a few more, but they are not a patch on the fluent team of last winter. It could be a sorry season in the Midlands.

Season in the Mildlands.

ASTON WILA (3-5-2): M. Oakes — U. Dringu, G. Southgete, C. Tier — F. Nelson, I. Taylor, S. Curtac, A. Townsend, A. Winght — D. Yorke, T. Johnson.

NOTTINGHAM. FOREST (4-4-2). M. Crossley — B. Lydie, C. Cooper, S. Christie, S. Pearce — S. Germall, A.I. Hasland, D. Philips (aut. B. Roy, 79mm), I. Woen — D. Saunders, J. Lae.

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FOOTBALL: GAYLE'S FORCE BRINGS WIMBLEDON REWARD FOR SPIRITED APPROACH

ieira adds to Arsenal armoury DON'T tell me! Wimbledon versus Arsenal. It was like

Michael Henderson finds welcome signs of skill and subtlety

from the north London team in the 2-2 draw at Selhurst Park

walking round town with a nail in your boot. Well, it was not pretty. There was some shoddy football, and some Palmer makes a virtue of nastiness, but there were also indications that Arsenal are trying to shed something of their bad old ways. Vieira can play a bit, and Wright is still goal for Wright by blocking Ekoku on the edge of his own box, striding 40 yards and releasing Wright with just the pass he needed. From his position in front of the back good for a goal or two, whatever else one might think about him. They tried to pass the ball, and one does not see that every Saturday at Selhurst Park, or at Highbury. impression this season. Should Arsenal have won

They will be disappointed not to have done. They could easily have been three goals clear by the time Jones equalised in the fag-end of the first half. It was a nice header, but Arsenal had been much the better team up to that point, and they looked more likely to win afterwards, denied only when Gayle bundled the ball across the line. Still, you have to award Wimbledon high

keep grinding out "results".
Who took the eye? Vieira, without a doubt. From a distance he resembles Carlton Palmer, but do not let that put you off. Whereas

marks for their pluck. They

imprecision. Vieira looks handy on the ball, and moves well with it. He made the first

five, Vieira is likely to make an So Wright scored again. Is he worth his England

summons? In short, no. You do not become an international-class goal poacher at the age of 33. He remains a marvellous snapper-up for his club, but his tendency to see himself as a latter-day St Sebastian is tiresome. Perhaps Arsène Wenger, whose command of is better than Wright's, can persuade him to moan a bit less at referees and linesmen, whose jobs are hardly less difficult than his

own. He is such a strutter. Didn't he save Jones from the choo?

There was a bit of a kerfuffle after Arsenal's second goal, though it was difficult to determine exactly what was going on. A minute before there had been some scuffling in the Arsenal penalty area, and this was the residue of that incident. Apparently Wright intervened on Jones's behalf, which impressed Joe Kinnear, who called him a

good pro Where professionlism is concerned, of course, professionals are not always the most reliable witnesses. By

after a clash of heads, and they refused to yield an inch. A lot depends on Bergkamp, who was quiet on Saturday, because Platt appears to be drawing on the interest of his career account. They could do with a passer of the ball in the middle, too, although that could be said of many teams. Merson, who scored their second goal, means a lot to them with those surges from deep positions. A couple of younger defenders could come in handy.

er going to be a popular club. and they do not want to be. As

threads of history are difficult to unpick. Wenger is unlikely to change things much. Arsenal may lighten up a bit but watching them is never going to be a treasure hunt. They will probably finish

clubs have traditions, and the

And Wimbledon?

their standards, the best pro of

all was probably Jack the

Are Arsenal good enough to

They have got the spirit.

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Come on, get off the fence.

Not if Newcastle were play-

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Would you pay money to

challenge for the title?

Seventh, maybe. They try to make out they are living off scraps, and in the sense that they have only 27 fans, they are, but they can put out a fair side. Earle has always been a good player, and Leonhardsen is a busy little bee. Perry, apparently, is making a reput ation at centre back but he did not excel on this occasion. Ardley, on the right, has his moments. The problem is, they do not always want to play. The harum-scarum tactics, of which Wenger complained later, are not always necessary. Perhaps they should trust themselves a little

So we'll see you at Highbury for the return match?

Indeed you won't.

WIMBLEDON (3-4-2): N Sulivan — N.
Currangham, C Perm, D Blackwell Brastcher — N Ardey, V Jones, R Earle, O
Leorhardsen — E Eloisu, M Gayle
ARSENAL, (5-3-2) D Seaman — L Daort, M
Koown, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn —
P Viers, D Platt, P Merson — D Berghamp
(sub R Garde, 78mm), I Winght. ing Liverpool in the next



Cup glory may end Stranraer wilderness years

▼ lary is supposed to J come on afternoons when the sunlight is stroking the faces of the players, but the disadvantaged cannot afford to be fussy about the temperature. For the Challenge Cup final at Broadwood Stadium yesterday, the November wind scrubbed away skin and the soreness was relieved only for Stranraer, of the Bell's Scottish League second division, who defeated St Johnstone, from the first division, 1-0.

Most clubs huddle together in Scotland's central belt and to them Strangaer, in the southwest of the country, is a distant, and not at all exotic, outpost. Players asked to consider a move to Stair Park used to react as if deportation were being proposed. Matters have been improving since 1994, when Strangaer achieved promotion for the first time in their history, taking the old second division title.

In its isolation, the club does have a firm grip on an audience. Colin Calderwood. the Tottenham Hotspur and Scotland centre half, was born in the town and, while he was never to sign for Stranraer, he remembers, in boyhood, gawping in awe when he saw Alex McCurcheon, a player who lived in the area, walking down the street.

Even now, Calderwood is restless on a Saturday evening until he knows the Stranraer result. The news can be awaited with less trepidation these days. The club has a full-time manager, Campbell Money. and there is a stordiness about the team that he fields. Of course, at this level, players do still trail quirky biographies behind them.

One of the Strangaer forwards. Tommy Sloan, preceded this match with his night shift as a baker. In a tournament competed for by the members of the three lower divisions. though, the romance of the final was really present only in its result. Money's side intended, principally, to be watchful and that



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attitude was turned into stern conviction once they had moved in front

The goal, in the 26th minute, had as its mainspring the shrewdness that recognises the inevitability of mistakes at this level. In a warmer climate, or a more sophisticated contest, Tony Gallagher's free kick from the left would have been wasteful, for it was whipped directly towards the

Stranraer's defender. though, was eager to find out just how much adhesiveness there was in Alan Main's chilled fingers and damp gioves. The goalkeeper fum-bled the ball and a harassed Danny Griffin booted an attempted clearance into his own net. St Johnstone, the better side, then spent the rest of the day discovering just how unimportant superiority can

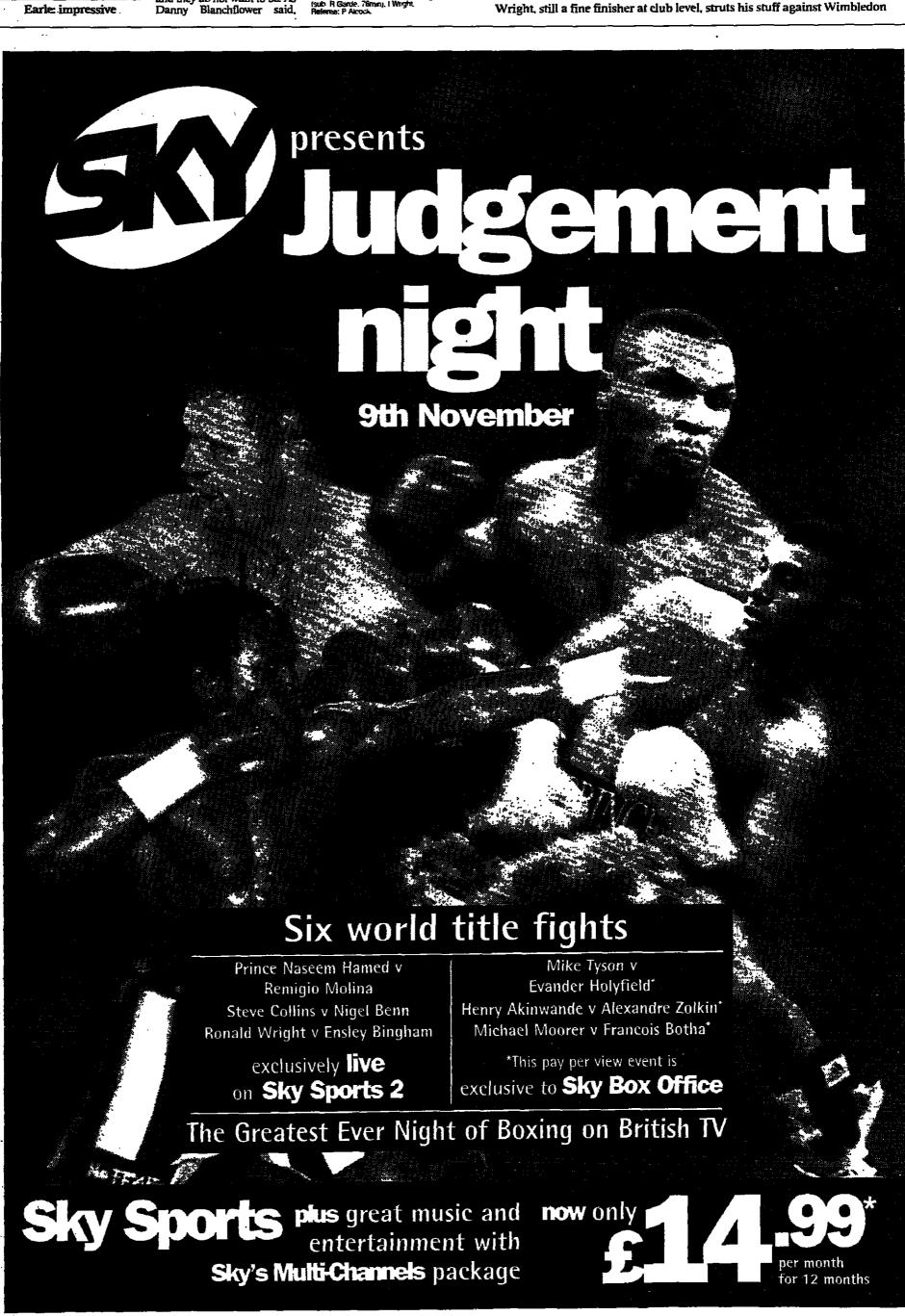
The players of the Perth club are full-time and they are ranked among the favourites for promotion to the premier division. Their ineffectiveness on Saturday must remove some of the confidence with which their prospects have been regarded. Smooth technique was not enough to break the will of a Stranraer team happy to pack its own penalty

The goalkeeper, Barney Duffy, dealt with a succession of crosses from St Johnstone but was not forced to get himself mucky by diving on the soggy turf until the 88th minute, when he blocked at the feet of Roddy Grant. The jubilation that flooded

one of Broadwood's stands soon afterwards was vast, even if the attendance figure was a slim 5.522. Nearly ten times as many people had sampled the same euphoria on Saturday, when Celtic, with a goal from Paolo di Canio. overcame Aberdeen in Glasgow and clambered to the top of the premier division.

They lead on goal difference, by a margin of one, from a Rangers side who were woebegone after drawing 2-2 away to Raith Rovers, who are bottom of the table. The Ibrox club. even if no one will admit it, are believed to have offered Kenny Daiglish a job that would require him to identify suitable European players and bring them to Rangers.

Those supporters who made the long journey to Broad-wood, however, will not be taking the slightest interest in anyone elses plans. Stransaer, founded in 1870, have a tradinon of dawdling and, in 1981. they became the last of Britain's senior clubs to install floodlighting, but progress does continue all the same. Now, for the first time, there will be the gleam of a signifi-cant cup in the Stair Park



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FOOTBALL

Laws leaves Grimsby working on right lines

Grimsby Town Sheffield United4

BY RICHARD HOBSON

"THERE is only one cure for the position we are in and that is hard work." Brian Laws wrote in the manager's column at the front of the match programme. The directors of Grimsby Town disagreed. Their answer to the problem was to dismiss Laws last

Tight deadlines, however. ensured that his thoughts remained untouched and. though it will represent little consolation, the events of yesterday proved the deposed manager right.

As John Cockerill took charge for the first time, Grimsby displayed the pluck and endeavour that ought to ensure survival in the Nationwide League first division, even though they sit second from bottom. Twice they came back from behind, but lost to a brace of goals in the last ten minutes having dominated much of the second half.

Howard Kendall, the Sheffield United manager, ac-knowledged that his side were fortunate to take three points and move into sixth place, ahead of Tranmere Rovers on goals scored. "Perhaps this shows that things level out in football." Kendall mused. Earlier in the season we were unfortunate not to get certain results; this time we were definitely fortunate."

A swirling wind rolled in from the North Sea to handicap anybody tempted to measure a pass yesterday afternoon. Hit and hope was the order of proceedings and United ultimately triumphed because their defence made

fewer errors under pressure. Jason Pearcey, the Grimsby goalkeeper, was responsible for the first mistake of significance in the 28th minute. Dane Whitehouse temporarily obscured his line of vision and Pearcey was sufficiently distracted to fumble a speculative cross from Mitch Ward, resulting in a simple stroke-in

Ten minutes Hutchison was dispossessed as he dwelt on the ball in midfield and Steve Livingstone shot beyond Alan Kelly. only for Whitehouse to restore the United lead close to halftime with a well-measured left-foot shot.

Livingstone claimed his second goal four minutes after the restart and Grimsby proceeded to produce their brightest football of the game. Neil Woods ran the midfield and a crowd of 5,935 clearly sensed that a third goal was just a decent effort away.

Grimsby tried but without reward. Kelly was off his line promptly to deny Clive Mendonca a clear run at goal and Michael Vonk charged down a shot from Woods as it headed towards the target. Indeed, Vonk and David Holdsworth needed to be resolute throughout a testing period for the visitors.

Then, with ten minutes re-maining, Whitehouse broke along the left flank to cross for Peter Katchouro, the Belarus international, to head past Pearcey at the far post. Two minutes later Chris Short, a substitute, strode forward with equal purpose and teed up Whitehouse to score for a second time.

Thus an afternoon that began with an apology for the programme's contents ended with no necessity to apologise for the performance. Instead, the rousing bars of Land of Hope and Glory bellowed from the Tannoy system. Glory may be some way away, but there is still hope in abundance at Blundell Park.

GRIMSBY TOWN (4-4-2) J Pearcey — / Fickling (sub: K Jobling, 46min), G Rodger R Smith, A Gallimore — G Childs (sub: 0 Wrack, 82), N Woods, C Shakespeare, P Stack — S Livingstone, C Mendonca (sub-Forrester, 82)

Forrester, 82)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): A Kelly — M
Ward, M Yorlk, D Holdsworth, R Nisen — D
White (sub: C Short, 79), D Hulchison, M
Patterson, D Whitehouse — G Taylor (sub:
A Walker, 65), P Kalchouro



Molby leads from the front as he bursts away from from Cooper, centre, and Rennie to push Swansea City forward

Fear factor works wonders for Molby

David Powell sees a 1-0 win for Swansea City help to justify ≺o describe how he had felt a week earlier, when defeat at Torquay United left Swansea the resolute measures of one third division player-manager

players have responded well

League. Jan Molby said on to the criticism. Saturday that he had gone After the hot water, the hot back to his apartment, closed air balloon ride. Two wins in a week have lifted Molby's his curtains, unplugged the phone and not gone out for 24 chastised players from 23rd in the division to seventeenth. Since taking his first job in Timely points, given Brighton and Hove Albion's victory management with Swansea, at Hartlepool United, indicat-Molby has sought guidance from many of his former ing the folly of those who said Liverpool connections, Kenny that bottom place has been

Dalglish, Ronnie Moran, booked for the season. Ronnie Whelan and Steve While Brighton's plight has been discussed widely. Swan-McMahon, but this time, instead of picking up the sea's has gone barely noticed. phone, he chose his own Swansea were relegated from the old first division 14 seaadvice. He bawled out his sons ago, having finished last players. He even frightened but one ... above Brighton. them with the "C" word: Last season, they came down "I had a right pop at them after Torquay." Molby said. from the second division together, Swansea again one

œ above Brighton So when, last week, Swansea had only Brighton beneath them, the juxtaposition was familiar. Swansea. though, have fallen further. in 1981-82, when both clubs achieved their highest League positions, Swansea led the League with 12 matches to go, only to finish sixth, while Brighton were thirteenth. Although not threatened with homelessness as Brighton are, the Swansea family is

splitting up.

Doug Sharpe, the chairman, no longer has the drive,

Liverpool humbled Steve McManaman 29

he has admitted, and is unwilling to support the club financially any more. It is un for sale and Sharpe has been absent from recent matches. Molby, making light of diffi-"There is no sign of the chairman, but, since we have not seen him, we have only iost once."

More seriously, Molby added that it had been Sharpe

who persuaded him to take the job. "He said we were ambitious and would go places," Molby said. thought that, if you get the backing and the club is ambitious, you have got a chance. When the club went up for sale it was a bombshell, but the wages are still being paid. To go into the new year we might have to sell one or two players." Buying is out of the

How different from when John Toshack, another Liverpool old boy, was manager. Swansea, under Toshack, reached their zenith. With money to spend, Toshack brought in several former Liverpool players: Tommy Smith, Ian Callaghan, Alan Ray Kennedy. The financial excesses precipitated Swansea's downfall

The defeat at Torquay was Molby's nadir. He did not expect the job to be easy. "But I never thought it was going to get that low," he said. "I have no regrets. There are only 92 managers' jobs and we cannof all wait for the big

Northampton Town's run of three wins was ended when Steve Torpey hooked home a cross midway through the second half. After a grim end to last season and beginning to this one, this was Molby's most satisfying week.

Ronnie Moran said to me that whatever level you are at, whatever player you work with, the game is always going to kick you in the teeth," Molby said. "He was obviously referring to what has been happening regarding the chairman." Torpey, with a winning goal in midweek and one more on Saturday, has spared Molby another visit to the dentist. SWANSEA CITY (4-4-2): R Freestone — S Jones, K Walker, C Edwards, M'Clode — D JOTAS, A WARE, C EDMENTS, M CHORE — D Penney, Montby (auto: K O'Leary, 54mm), L Jerlwrs, J Costes — L Brown (auto: C Heggs, 75), S Torpey, G-4-S), A Woodman — I Sampson, D O'Shea (auto: R Humer, 70), R Warburton — I Clarkson, D Ramie, S Parriah, L Maddson (auto: C Lea. 74) — M Rush, M Cooper (auto: C Lea. 65), N Grayson
Referee: R Styles.

a new benchmark as Vale march on Port Vale. Birmingham City

Walker sets

By MARK HODKINSON

FOOTBALL folk are seldom the masters of the understatement but Ian McPherson, a Port Vale director, takes some beating. McPherson's icon is the club's midfield stalwart Ray Walker and he does not go lightly on the eulogy.
"I would crawl from the

edge of the world to pay tribute to the man," he gushed in the match programme for the game against Birmingham City on Saturday. He went further, dedicating Sinead O'Connor's Nothing Compares 2 U to the player who has spent nearly a decade

On his 400th league appearance for Port Vale, Walker was at the heart of most of their creative play. He epitomises the style of play encouraged by John Rudge, the Port Vale manager. Rarely ostentatious. he played the ball to the feet. and his contribution was thoughtful and neat. Birmingham City, big-name manager and big-time ambiwoeful by were tions.

Comparison.
Tony Naylor opened the scoring, lifting the ball over Bennett. Both McCarthy and Guppy roamed the flanks and this led to a second, when Naylor poked home after Mills had headed onto the bar Birmingham, now impelled to attack, pushed Bruce into midfield but his renowned call to arms brought scant response. The final goal perfectly showcased Vale's approach. Walker passed to Porter and his cross was volleyed home by Guppy. The move, simple in the extreme, was a template

of pass and move football. Walker felt Port Vale had turned in a performance wor-thy of his landmark appearance. "We got at them today. We just went from strength to strength. Once we had got the third goal, they were dead and buried," he said.

Trevor Francis, the left the dug-out a few minutes before the end and raced up the players' tunnel. He was nowhere to be seen at the aftermatch pleasantries. "He just breezed through here." a helpful steward said, pointing towards the car-park.

When he eventually stops, Francis will have to address the pressing problem of moulding a team from a decent set of players. Birmingham are now without an away win in the league for nearly a year.

Rudge has already succeeded with this objective. "It was a very satisfying performance. We played well all through the side Millsy (Lee Mills) did well and Ray Walker was great despite taking a knock," Rudge said.

And Ray Walker? McPherson, quite rightly should have the final say there. "When the history of Port Vale is finally written, Walker will go down as our greatest ever player," he said. greatest ever player," he said.
PORT VALE (4-4-2): P Musselmite — A
Hill, G Griffiths, D Glover (sub: D Stokes,
80min), A Tantard — J McCarthy, R Walker
sub: M Foyle, 84). A Porter, S Guppy — T
Naylor, L Mills.
BIRMINGHAM CITY (5-3-2): I Bennet — M
Jackson, G Breen, S Bruce, G Ablett (sub: S
Castis, 76), A Legg (sub: M Johnson, 76). —
C Holland, B Home, J Bowen — P Devin, P
Furlang.

Referee: D B Alison

Sleeping giant's recurring dream flickers back into life



kick-off at Fratton Park. Nothing sentimental, just the passing on of an ancient family tradition. "There." I said to the seven-year-old boy sitting beside me, echoing the sort of speech my father made to me in roughly the same spot 35 years before, "I bequeath you

the freedom of Fratton." My son, on his first visit to a football ground, surveyed the pollarded Fratton End, with its pathetic rows of blue plastic seats, watched the desultory influx of spectators, cocked his ears to the silence . . . and said he would rather support Arsenal, if it was all the same

By half-time, other difficulties had arisen. How do you tell a small boy, on his spectating debut, that a 4-0 scoreline is not normal, not

one as bumbling and goodnatured as Portsmouth? This was his first 45 minutes of professional football, for goodness sake, and he had already witnessed a feat well outside my own experience. It is bad for the soul to be spoilt so early. Only disappointment will follow. Portsmouth had once before scored four goals in a half, against Fulham, but had evened it up by conceding four in the second period, as if determined to distil the history

City only one place off the

bottom of the Nationwide

Conference, It worked.

We played as badly as I bave

seen us play in the eight

months I have been here. My

warning that we could find

ourselves playing non-

League football next season

was not an idle one. But the

of the club into one breathtaking afternoon. Portsmouth have always been filed under the species of club known as sleeping giants". They won the FA Cup just before the Second World War, the championship in consecutive seasons a decade later and have commanded

remarkable loyalty in the

been happy to draw 0-0," Fry

said. "I couldn't see us scoring

and we haven't kept many

"We've been struggling with

injuries, and the team is

thrown together - a lot of

young lads. But the youth

players give me the greatest

satisfaction here. I think the

He deserves credit for trying

to take the supporters into that

future with him. Peterbor-

ough's largest crowd of the season had been attracted by a

selective pricing policy that Fry has introduced, along

with meetings between public,

The crowd was magnifi-

cent," he said. "I thank them

for their support; they deserve

better. I'm a fan at heart and l

want it to be the fans' club. But

we want to show something on

the field, and we're not doing

has not yet, as owner, felt the

need to give himself, as man-

ager, the dreaded vote of

PETERBOROUGH UNITED (3-5-2) J Shoffield — J Foran M Basham, M Bodley — R Huddord, R Wills, S Houghton, D Bigington (sub M Ebdan, Samini, A Druy — K Charlery (sub, Z Rove, 76), C Cleaver

BLACKPOOL (14-2) S Banks — Lydrate. A Butter, D Lingitian, A Benow — J Currin, M Mellon, G Brabon, L. Philipott (sub. A Elis., 76) — A Procee, C Malfrin.

It could be worse. At least he

that at the moment."

players and management.

clean sheets this season.

future is very bright."

Andrew Longmore's family ties tested as

many lean years since. Sup-porters have derived consolation from the thought that one day the giant would wake and trample through the divisions. Impressive as they were in thrashing a dour West Bromwich Albion side, the

hope has all but vanished. The club is losing money at the reported rate of £6,000 a day and is up for sale, the stadium is down at heel, all plans for a new one have foundered and the early-season euphoria surrounding the arrival of Terry Venables has evaporated into the thin air of disillusion. As a favour to his old friend, Jim Gregory, and Gregory's son. Martin, the managing director, Venables

Portsmouth beat West Bromwich Albion 4-0 donned his tracksuit for the first two weeks of the season

but has been rarely seen since. A Friend of Portsmouth is how officials describe his nonexecutive role, a sort of fundraising footballing consultant, which is a bit like inviting Yehudi Menuhin into your orchestra and asking him to play the triangle. The fans had rather hoped Venables would be The Manager, which was a little harsh on Terry Fenwick.

the real manager. Last week, just to add to the confusion. Terry Brady, father of Birmingham City's Karren and only recently hailed as the club's saviour, resigned from the board and the transfer of David Hillier from Arsenal

moment the money (£250,000) was there, the next it had vanished. Hillier finally signed on Friday. "He'll stiffen us up a bit," Fenwick said. In the midst of it all, the

team has blundered on. young, lively, largely untutored. Portsmouth's most valuable asset could lie in the stocky form of Lee Bradbury. a raw recruit from the Army who has the same eye for goal as that other military bargain, Guy Whittingham, who was bought for £400 and sold for El million. Bradbury, just 22, is heading the same way. "A hell of a find," Fenwick labelled him after his sixth goal in eight games had begun

Portsmouth's unlikely spree. Thereafter, in a reversal of their usual miracle, everything Portsmouth touched turned from stone to gold.

a host of bodies, Durnin touched home Bradbury's downward header and Turner thundered in the fourth to leave the best away record in the league looking decidedly ragged. "We had been threatening to do that for a few weeks," Fenwick said. "Hopefully that will be a turning

On the way home, I advised my son to stop watching football now. He had seen the giant awake and twitch. It might be another 35 years before it happens again.

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PORTSMOUTH (3-5-2: A Fisheven — A Thomson, A Whiteread (sub: R Pethed. Stein), R Perest — J Carter A McLoughin, A Awlord, F Simpson, A Turner Isub: S Igoe, 7?) — L Bradbury, J Dumin.

WEST BROWNOCH ALBION (4-4-2) P Criction — P Holmes (sub: K Donovar, 45), P Agnew, D Burgess, S Nicholson — J Darby, P Raven, R Soedwas (sub: L Ashrord, 84), P Groves — A Hunt (sub: B Taylor 45), P Peschisoldo.

Fry struggling with tight belt

Peterborough United 0 Blackpool

By Nick Szczepanik

BARRY FRY -- man or myth? Whatever led the good folk of Peterborough to stump up record season-ticket receipts when he took over as ownermanager in the summer, the legendary wheeler-dealer seems to be proving all too human at the moment. As he admitted, the early "never-adull-moment" promises have fizzled out; the game against Blackpool on Saturday was dull moment after

Fry's answer, characteristi-



cally, may be a little flutter in the transfer market, although nothing on the scale of his time at Birmingham City, where he liked to operate on a tightlyknit squad of 50 or so players. There are stricter financial constraints at London Road. "The responsibility is huge." he said. "As a manager only. you don't realise it. Looking at budgets and meeting banks is a whole new ball game. But I

will try to move a couple on and get a couple in. It is evident that what we have got is not producing the goods."

Neither side produced much in a soporific first half, although Blackpool came out strongly after the break, forcing a string of corners. Blackpool were so desperate to

score that they also had Peterborough's best effort on goal. Banks was in no mood to be beaten, though, and certainly not by Linighan, one of his own defenders.

However, although Mellon looks too good for the Nationwide League second division. and Preece looks as if he thinks he is, Blackpool did not do enough to win. In fact, Preece's late, lazy foul gave Houghton a chance to steal it with a stinging free kick, but Banks was equal to it.

"It's the first time I've ever

Farnborough disrupt Harriers' momentum

Kidderminster Harriers... 2 Famborough Town 3

By Walter Gammie

FARNBOROUGH Town brought to an end the 12-match unbeaten run that had taken Kidderminster Harriers to the top of the Vauxhall Conference with victory in a stirring, cut-andthrust encounter at Aggborough on Saturday.

Two thumping headers by Pat Gavin from corners by Phil Wingfield and a simple finish by Chris Boothe, after a nifty interchange with Darren Robson, clinched a triumph that extended Famborough's own sequence without defeat to 15 matches and thrust them firmly into an increasingly

congested title race. Farnborough had first to retrieve Kidderminster's 35thminute opening goal, created by Lee Hughes, their exciting 21-year-old forward, who set up Doherty. His initial shot was blocked but he won a penalty pursuing the rebound, and then tucked the ball away himself.

Gavin. unmarked slap in

front of goal, put Farn-

borough level at half-time before Robson and Boothe opened up the defence in the 53rd minute. Weir thwarted the initial incursion but Robson ran onto the byline to pull the ball back to Boothe's feet. Hughes went in eager pursuit of the equaliser, turning

to tee up a 30-yard shot that hit a post and then stranding Mackenzie near the corner flag only for Olney to turn his cross past an open goal.

Gavin headed a cross by Wingfield against the post

immediately before Webb ducked to guide in Doberty's long ball from the right touchline. Kidderminster then had to go hunting again after Gavin outjumped the defence at the far post for his second goal in the 82nd minute. Mackenzie stuck out his left

arm to divert Weir's header from another cross by Doherty to ensure that Farnborough survived the final. frantic assault.

KODDENMINSTER HARRIERS (4-3-3). D Steadman — M Blonci, C Brindley, M Weir, S Prindiville — K Wileds, M Yases (sub: K Casay, Exim). P Webb — N Otherty. I Olney, L Hughes. CONT. L PROFINS.

FARNBOROUGH TOWN (4-4-2):

Mackenzie — W Sterror, K Day, R Villia

J Underwood — S Baker, D Robson
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Gawn, C Boothe Referee: G Beale

Cunningham savours his day to get the nod either when Hearn said: "It has got to be Leyton Orient

Torquay United0

BY PAT GIBSON

TOMMY CUNNINGHAM will never forget his first and, quite possibly, his last Satur-day as a football manager. He had been asked to take temporary control of Leyton Orient after the dismissal of his great friend, Pat Holland, earlier in the week and responded by filling the players with so much passion and commitment that they won for the first time in seven games.

"If I am never in charge of a team again, I will cherish the memory of today," he said, his voice almost choking with emotion. "I'll still be here on Monday morning: whether I'll be here on Monday afternoon. I just don't know."

It will all depend on Barry Hearn, the urbane Orient chairman, who has reduced no fewer than 130 applications. for the manager's job to a shortlist of four

The only candidate from within the club is Alvin Martin the former West Ham United defender, who was not playing on Saturday because of back trouble, and it did not sound as though he was going

either a big name or someone with experience as a manager, and that is the big problem I am weighing up at the

There is talk of Billy Bonds, the former West Ham manager now coaching at Queens Park Rangers, and two former Watford managers, Glenn Roeder and Steve Perryman. although it is hard to see any of them getting more out of the players than Cunningham, the first-team coach, did against a Torquay United side which had won five of its previous six matches.

They obviously fancied their chances against Orient, the



Martin: candidate

lowest scorers in the Nationwide League with only ten goals in 16 third division games before Saturday, but Cunningham surprised them by playing with three at the front, including Griffiths, who had arrived on Friday on a month's loan from Peterborough United,

It looked as though Griffiths was going to suffer as much as the rest of Orient's strikers have done this season when his opening shot in the fifth minute glanced off the inside of one post, rolled along the line and rebounded to safety off the other but his, and Orient's fortunes changed two minutes before half-time.

There did not seem to be much danger when Hendon hit the ball hopefully downfield, but Barrow's attempt to channel it back to his goalkeeper was short of pace and Griffiths, starved of football at Peterborough and relishing his first League game for the best part of two years, poked it out of Wilmor's grasp and slotted it into the net.

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NETBALL: ENGLAND CALL GIVEN PROMINENCE BY RELATIVE SUCCESS

Neville branches out in sporting family tree

complete than the Nevilles. Gary and Philip have already earned fame and fortune playing football for Manchester United and England. On Saturday, at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. Tracey, 19, made her England netball debut against Jamaica.

Mr and Mrs Neville face a unique parental dilemma; how to shout for their three children at once. The contrast between their chosen sports could hardly be greater. One is high-profile. lucrative and glamorous. It is Tracev's lot to seek recognition in a women's minority amateur sport, Often, unless the participants look glamorous, column inches, interest and sponsorship are scarce.

Saturday was not quite the story-book day the Nevilles might have hoped for: Manchester United lost at home and England could not prevent the Jamaicans from running up a winning 11-goal margin in a fast-passing, physical game. Indeed, England were never ahead in the contest and will need all Tracey's sharp-shooting skills in Manchester on Wednesday and at Wembley Arena on Saturday to claw back the

For Tracey, a bubbly Mancunian, selection for the senior

Sarah Potter on how a teenager has followed in her footballing brothers'

footsteps to international recognition

squad is the realisation of an ambition held since junior school, when she began watching her mother play for club was 12 that I wanted netball to be my life." Tracey said emphatically. "But I can't believe it has actually come true. It's

Single-minded determination seems to be a Neville trait. According to Tracey, Gary told an understandably sceptical careers officer at school that he was going to play for Manchester United and nothing less would do. Philip's heart was equally set. Doubt has no place and sport takes top priority.

"If I could give up university to be paid to play netball full-time I would do it like a shot," the new England goal attack said, "but it isn't like that and I have to look elsewhere. Still, netball comes first." Looking elsewhere means

making a career. Tracey is in her second year at Bristol University, training to be a primary school teacher. She did not tell anyone about her famous brothers until she was

several weeks into her course. "I knew by then who my friends were. A lot of them have never supported football before, now they are worse than me. We go to the pub and watch all the matches and I travel to as many games as I

Gary and Philip have bought Tracey a car to ease her busy schedule and she travels home whenever pos-sible. "We just like being together. The family are living in Gary's house at the moment. Although Phil has got a house, he doesn't want to move out. We don't want to leave each other really."

s Philip's twin. Tracey admitted to a special bond with the young defender. "We were always in the same classes at school and we always played sport together. Gary can't have a go at Phil without me intervening." On Wednesday, Gary will be with the England squad for the World Cup qualifying match in Georgia but Philip. just coming back from injury, has not made the squad this time and will now be able to watch

his sister play at the Nynex Arena in Manchester. The home-town fixture will

family. "I know all my friends have got tickets and word would have gone round the local netball clubs. That's really nerve-racking. She giggled before admitting that she does not like thinking about that kind of pressure. "I was at the Man United game last week and there were 55,000 watching and I thought, I might be playing in front of 2,000 people. I'll be wetting myself!" A typical crowd for such an

occasion will be made up mostly of school parties and netball clubs. Few men go along to watch; boys are not taught netball at school and there is something in its noncontact rules that makes men less inclined to take it seriously.

"That's a pity." Tracey said,
"I think if netball was shown to men, even if at first they were only watching us for our knickers, they would get into the game, have their pin-ups like we do with the football and enjoy it.*
The BBC screened the entire

international on Saturday. It may have taken the extraordinary connection of two famous brothers to help to get the media ball rolling but, in Tracey Neville, netball might just have found the peg to hang its development on A new star, albeit with a familiar name, has been born. That is good news for women's sport.



Neville's skills as a goal attack were unable to keep England from defeat by Jamaica

EQUESTRIANISM

Short cut produces delight for Holland

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN AMSTERDAM

WOUT-JAN van der Schans. from Holland, gave his vociferous home crowd a victory to savour yesterday when he and Leroy Brown won the Volvo World Cup qualifier after relegating Ludger Beerbaum, the former Olympic champion from Germany, to second place by one-hundreth of a

Van der Schans, who last won a World Cup qualifier seven years ago in Helsinki. was the only rider in the 12-horse jump-off to negotiate a short cut between fence two and the double which followed successfully. Beerbaum, rid-ing Dirk Hafemeister's horse Priamos in only their third show together, went the longer route but compensated with a typically fluent round.

Roger-Yves Bost, of France, underlined the strength of his new partnership with Airborne Montecillo by taking third place.

For the three Britons competing - John and Michael Whitaker and Geoff Billington — it was a sorry tale. Although all three were riding their top horses, none reached the jump-off. John Whitaker had the best round, and his four faults on Welham at the middle part of the combination in an otherwise faultless round appeared unlucky.

Billington, who collected eight faults on It's Otto, reckoned that he had "cooked his goose" the previous night when he had gone flat out in the jump-off for the Ing Bank Grand Prix. in which he had finished fourth. "He thought he was racing again today when the bell went and got careless." Billington said.

Michael Whitaker, who also had eight faults on Two Step. laid the blame not on any recurrence of the back injury that afflicted the horse in Atlanta, but on exhaustion, "I think he's tired mentally after Atlanta and Monterrey." he said. "I'm going to give him a long rest now - maybe until

next year." Earlier, Isabell Werth, of Germany, the reigning world, European and Olympic champion, ended Anky van Grunsven's run of success in the Volvo World Cup Dressage qualifiers when she won on the inexperienced Welcome - a nine-year-old stallion she ranks fourth among her string of grand prix horses.

Richard Davison, a Briton, finished ninth on Askari and now goes to Brussels this weekend in an attempt to secure his first ticket to the final at 's-Hertogenbosch, in Holland, next April. -

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FISHING: RECORD CATCHES PROVE THAT SUCCESS CAN OWE AS MUCH TO GOOD LUCK AS TO THE PRECISION PLANNING OF THE ANGLER

Fickle fortune throws up tails of the unexpected

had already taken three good

salmon. At 5pm, their boat-

man finished work for the day.

On any normal day she would have packed in then — her

father worked for the estate

By BRIAN CLARKE

THE capture a week ago of the biggest brown trout ever taken by an angler in England, hard on the fins of a record catfish a couple of weeks before, shows what a fickle and seductive mismess fishing can be.

The brown trout weighed 19lb 12oz and was taken by Graham Nichol, of Watford. while ledgering on the bed of Grafham Water, in Cambridgeshire, for pike. The 61lb catfish was taken by Steve Renyard, of Southampton. The monster grabbed Renvard's hook when he cast into Withy Pool, in Bedfordshire only to test the depth of swim.

Such incidents are not rare. It is only the fact that records might have been involved that brought the two fish to the fore. Big fish being taken out of context - by small boys fishing with dads, by tyros fishing with experts, by specialists in one species catching a corker of another - are the warp and weft of angling.

There is no seasoned angler

fish I have knowingly hooked. a pike, was taken when I was still in short trousers and spinning the Tees for chub. Shortly after we met and before we were married. my wife hooked — but mercifully lost — the fish I had been trying to get for hours, with the first attempt at casting

who has not experienced the

like. The biggest freshwater

with a rod of any kind. When Renyard caught his catfish, fortune was, indeed. smiling, because at the time, he was not fishing at all. Perhaps with an eye to a longer relationship, Renyard went to extremes in return. He was so thrilled with his good fortune and so concerned for the fish's welfare, that he went neck-deep into the water with that he could nurse it back to

strength before letting it go. Fate is not always thus, though, as Nichol will confirm. He caught his great brown trout while pike fishing, but the fish was taken after the trout season had ended and so - magnificent specimen though it was could never have been accepted for a claim.

Just occasionally, fortune plays things straight. The two most famous fish ever caught in Britain are examples.
On October 7. 1922,

Georgina Ballantine was fishing the Glendelvine estate water on the Tay, with her

and had constant access to the water - but that day happened to be the Saturday of the weekend that the clocks were put back. On the spur of the



Reynard. left. was simply testing for depth when he hooked the 61lb record catfish in Withy Pool; Nichol was surprised to take a 19lb brown trout while ledgering for pike

moment, Miss Ballantine said she wanted to make the most of the last long day. Her father rowed. She trolled from the back of the boat. At 6.15pm. a spinning

deadbait was taken. At 8.20pm, a cock salmon was landed. It weighed 64lb. Expert in her own right though she was. Georgina Ballantine was fishing with



pebble and lie on the river bed. He steered his daughter deliberately to a specific spot which on that day at that time, experience told him to try. Briefly, the biggest salmon in Christendom, on its way to the spawning redds, had stopped

the man who ran the fishery

for the estate. He knew every

So, while there is no doubt the great gamut of angling hat the record salmon was experience lies. As knowledge that the record salmon was landed as a result of great skills, lots of small, balancing elements of chance had to come together to get make the eat possible.

Many record fish have fallen as a result of far greater chance of events. The catfish is only the most recent example. One that owed little to luck, however, is the second most farmous catch of all time. It was the common carp, which was hooked by Richard Walker on September 13, 1952. The carp weighed 44th, a weight exceed ed several times since but that in those days was almost

beyond comprehension. Once Walker had detertematically as he planned everything else. He found a lake that contained great carp, studied the behaviour of the fish in that lake and then laid siege to them with tackle he had designed and built for that one job alone. Between the two extremes,

increases, dedication and ob-

mined to catch a great carp, he planned its downfall as sys-

session become every more intense. Flyfishers study insects down to the last costal projection, coarse anglers invent rigs that would dazzle Leonardo da Vinci. Every fishing action, every refinement of technique, is these days designed to frustrate fortune and tighten the odds. But just as often as Dame

Fortune will flirt and seduce, she will deliver that whopper from unlikely water that will end the day with a bang. D Brjan Clarke's column app-

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Manhattan represents height of ambition for marathon runners

Where American dreams are reality



Oliver Holt launches a

series on a city in which

the passion for sport has been reawakened

They streamed off the Verrazano Bridge at the start in their thousands and thousands. The skyscrapers of Manhattan glinted their greetings from across the East River, the dismal brown mass of housing projects beckened them towards the Bronx, far away to the north. At the foot of the bridge, the runners took the first exit to Brooklyn and launched themselves into

ing glory days. The giddy populace is still rejoicing at the surprise success of the New York Yankees in the baseball world series ten days ago. A celebratory tickertape parade followed hot on its heels and Yankees merchandise is still the hottest seller in the souvenir shops on Fifth

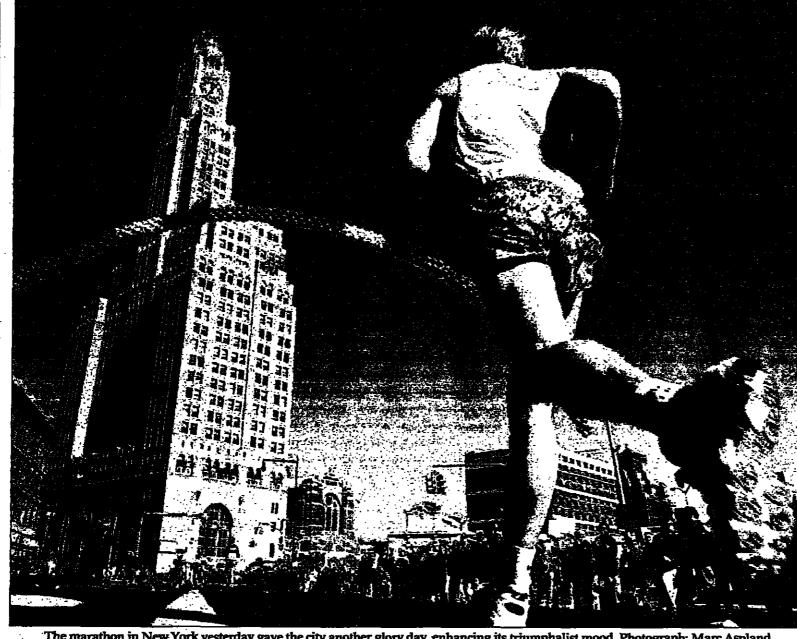
another of New York's sport-

The image of Wayne Gretzky, the best ice hockey player that the game has seen. stares down on Broadway amid the flashing neon, a reminder that he has joined the New York Rangers for the autumn of his career, a phase that so far is showing every sign of being as brilliant as the fall colours that still decorate the trees of New

Shaquille O'Neal is coming to town next week, too, with his new team, the Los Angeles Lakers, to pit his skills against New York's favourite basketballing son, Patrick Ewing. This year, the Knicks have splashed so much money on star players to support their talisman that their supporters believe that they have a genuine chance of dethroning Michael Jordan and the

ChicagoBulls. Even the city's American. football teams, the much-maligned Giants and Jets, have been showing signs of life after dreadful starts to their respective seasons. Into this heady mix, nearly 30,000 marathon runners surged yesterday for the 26th enactment of the race that winds through each of the city's five boroughs.

It has all engendered a triumphalist mood among New Yorkers and their media. and widespread claims that the city has reclaimed its title



The marathon in New York yesterday gave the city another glory day, enhancing its triumphalist mood. Photograph: Marc Aspland

of the sporting capital of America that has gradually been torn away from it by the westward drain of franchises. 'The giddy populace is still rejoicing at the surprise success of the Yankees in the baseball World Series' Nothing could be designed to reinforce this feeling more

than yesterday's marathon. The route it follows, you see. is like a race through the American psyche, through the dream and the nightmare and back to the dream. And in the best traditions of schmaltz, it finishes with a smile on

lence, with unhappiness and uncertainty flailing away out It starts where so many New York stories begin, in Brooklyn and Oueens, boroughs where immigrants have traditionally settled in their pursuit of success in the New World. It is a place of striving and working that the runners pass

through at the beginning of

its face surrounded by opu-

their own journey. It is a place where, just as in the marathon, the weak and the vulnerable fall by the wayside. A ten-year-old Polish boy was killed in crossfire near the wide expanse of Fourth Avenue where the runners caught up with the lead-

ing wheelchair athletes yesterday and littered the road with empty cups from drinking stations. He was shot by a youth seeking revenge on somebody who had thrown an egg at him for a Hallowe'en

From Queens, as the field widened out and the runners left the reggae bands of Beoford-Stryvesant and the Jew-ish neighbourhood of Crown Heights behind, the runners were given a taste of the high life, a brief excursion into Manhattan via the Queensboro Bridge, a brief sight of the promised land.

The elation is short-lived, though. The race progresses past the rare air of Upper West Side after 18 miles and treks through Spanish Harlem. where gangs with comic book names like The Fantastic Partners boast of their bloody rule by painting murals. At one street corner yesterday, the

runners passed within a few feet of 20 or 30 champagne bottles arranged at the foot of a wall in a semi-circle as a bizarre tribute to a murdered And just when the runners

may be hitting the wall, the marathon chooses to take them through the Bronx, the borough of Fort Anache. where another cop killer is on the loose. Few of the New Yorkers who made up 48 per cent of yesterday's field ever venture into this area. They got a fleeting glimpse yesterday, just two miles, before they headed back to Manhattan.

The end of the journey, of course arrived in a neighbourhood that represents the height of most American's aspirations. The finishing line in Central Park is in the shadow of Donald Trump's newest and most

from Italy, by 24 seconds. Joyce Chepchumba, from Kefinished a failing

There were a few, of course, who did not see the race as the nanacea it is presented as. The vellow cab drivers were unhappy because of the extra traffic the runners and their families brought to Manhattan, the police were overworked trying to keep the

The biggest loser, though, apart from the usual unfortunates who staggered across the city's streets in crazpatterns of exhaustion, was Adolfo Zapata, a Oueens resident, who was charged with fraud two days before the race. He had allegedly been claiming sick pay because of an

Tumme, from Ethiopia, and two minutes ahead of Cosmas injured foot for 18 months Ndeti, the Kenyan prebefore he was caught on film favourite, who was finishing last year's race in 12 minutes under three The women's race was a much closer affair, ending in a tight three-way battle that TOMORROW reached a climax in Central

Park. It was won by a Roma-Why the Giants are putting nian, Anuta Catuna, in a time of 2hr 28min 18sec. She their faith in youth to restore into debt to the tune of more their NFL fortunes edged out Franca Fiacconi, than £80,000 to take part.

Lone sailors set off into teeth of gale

By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE Vendée Globe singlehanded non-stop round-theworld race, which can truly claim to be the "world's toughest yacht race", got under way yesterday with two Britons. Pete Goss, on Aqua Quorum. and Tony Bullimore, on Global Challenger, among the 16 starters at Les Sables d'Olonne, in France, for the the third running of the event.

The race takes the field eastabout around Antarctica, by way of the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn, in a voyage of some 22,000 miles. The record is 109 days, set by the Frenchman, Titouan Lamazou, on Ecureuil d'Aquitaine in 1990.

The Vendée Globe is a downwind safari, open to boats of between 50 and 60ft. which are designed like huge surfboards with massive sail areas. In the past, the attrition rate has been high. Only half the 14 yachts made it to the finish in 1992 and one skipper, Nigel Burgess, drowned within a week of the start.

Yesterday, more than 3,500 spectator craft plus an estimated 300.000 people on shore, watched the fleet head off into a southwesterly gale sweeping through the Bay of Biscay. By the last turning mark, the field was being led by Yves Parlier, on his innovative Finot-designed 60ft sloop, Aquitaine Innovations, which was dismasted in this year's singlehanded transatiantic race. Parlier had a lead of about a mile on his rivals after just 50 minutes of racing.

Behind him were two more Frenchmen, Bertrand de Broc. on Votre Nom Autour Du Monde, and Hervé Laurent, on Groupe LG1. Then came the Belgian, Patrick de Radigues, on Full Immersion, before a group of three yachts led by the Canadian, Gerry Roufs, on Groupe LG2, followed by Hungary's Nandor Fa, on Budapest, and the leading French yachtswoman. Isabelle Autissier, on her brand new Finot 60. PRB, complete with swing keel and a multimillion-pound budget.

Among the more cautious starters was one of the favourites. Christophe Auguin, on the modified Finot-60, Geodis, which now also sports a canting keel. Goss was further back but, despite being the only 50-footer in the race, was not last Speaking from the Adrian Thompsondesigned Aqua Quorum within 30 minutes of the start. his enthusiasm came over loud and clear "This is the hig one. this is a once in a lifetime this is it," said the former Royal Marine and British Steel Challenge skipper who has sold his house and gone

"I don't feel the underdog," he said. "I've got a little boat with a big heart." He is aiming for a top-five finish and wants to be inside Lamazou's record. His main fears concern

getting through The Doldrums and then taking on the challenge of the Southern Ocean on his own for the first time. "It's a race against yourself as much as anything," he said. "I have knowledge of every aspect of it apart from being on my own for that length of time. We'll just have

Realistically, Goss knows that he cannot win unless all the top 60-footers meet with misfortune. However, he can beat some of them, as he showed in the single-handed transatlantic when, despite a knockdown, he finished a



Goss: smallest boat



strong second in class and ahead of several of the bigger

Since then he has modified Aqua Quorum, reprofiling her rudders adding some new sails and altering the spartan accomodation to make it safer and more comfortable. However, with the smallest budget in the fleet, of £450,000, he has been unable to do everything he wanted.

Bullimore, who has 26 Atlantic crossings to his name plus victory in the 1985 round Britain and round Europe races, has embarked on his first round-the-world attempt on the 60ft Global Challenger, despite having failed to find a sponsor, a hoped-for deal falling through at the last minute.

HOCKEY

Rare bond inspires Olton

By a Special Correspondent

OLTON pride themselves on the family spirit within the women's National League club, so it was almost too good to be true to hear their teenage striker, Kerry Moore, yelling mum" when she wanted the left defender to release a long ball down the line. Lyn Moore duly obliged and the talented former England under-18 player set off on another of her weaving runs.

The Birmingham team are justifiably proud of fielding the mother-and-daughter combination in their first divi-

sion side and they are beginning to feel even better after beating Chelmsford 4-l to extend their winning start to five matches.

Their ambitious youth policy and the sport's clean, family image has attracted the region's promising teenagers. And the former England international, Gavin Featherstone. has used his impressive coaching skills to inspire the team that has an average age of 24 and nine players in England junior squads. On Saturday the Moores

Cannock dig deep to find room at the top

CANNOCK survived a blistering attack by Teddington at Chiswick yesterday to win 4-3 and take over the premier division leadership of the National League on goal difference (Sydney Friskin writes).

The half-time score of 1-1 did little justice to the fluency of both sides. McGuire, who went on to claim a hat-trick, opened the scoring for Teddington after 13 minutes before Organ equalised for Cannock from a short corner ll minutes later.

Goals by Mayer, Crutchley and Parnham put Cannock 4-I ahead, but McGuire then inspired Teddington's revival with two late goals to leave Cannock clinging precarious-

ly to their advantage.
Old Loughtonians let a 3-1 advantage slip at home to East Grinstead and ultimately had to settle for a 3-3 draw. Dover, Thompson and Morrison scored for Old Loughtonians, with Gibson hitting the target twice to bring East Grinstead back into the match. A minute before the end of the match. Bell pounced to level the scores, with the home team reduced to nine men after Thompson had been put

under temporary suspension. Reading were beaten 5-3 by Guildford after leading 2-1 at the interval. Hall scored three goals in six minutes for Guildford, with Ward and Markham adding the others. Howard Hoskin and Pearn. with a brace, scored for Reading, who dropped to third position behind Old

Loughtonians. Strugglers Hounslow and Canterbury fought out a H draw at Chiswick, while Southgate lost ground after a 2-2 stalemate with Surbiton. Beeston's 50 win over Sheffield consolidated their position at the top of the first

played alongside the Wright sisters, Lucilla, 16, and Sally, 18, both schoolgirl internationals and both on hockey bursaries at Bromsgrove School. Barbara Hambly, the former England and Great Britain captain, completely dominated the midfield and Lucilla Wright enhanced her reputation as a sharpshooter by cracking in two penalty-corner

Lyn Moore, who is 40 next month, said she gave Kerry her first stick when she was four years old. "It's marvellous to play alongside her and good for my game because it keeps me going." Kerry said:
"We run in the park together, train at the gym and on the local pitch and she's the first one to nag me if I don't."

Featherstone was typically upbeat about the future. "We want to be European champions and if that means overtaking Sutton Coldfield as Birmingham's premier club, then so be it. I also believe four of our players could represent Great Britain at the 2000

While the veteran Hambly accepted her player-of-thematch award, her husband, Richard, gently cradled Jo Reddy's six-week-old son. Reddy has been a stalwart over the years and hopes to be back in action after Christmas. At this rate Olton could almost have secured their place in the Premiership next

Across the city. Sutton Coldfield were contemplating a heavy 6-1 defeat at the hands of the unbeaten leaders, Slough, and Doncaster were celebrating their first league win over Hightown after crushing the champions 8-2. off-the-ball movement.

Stowe festival proves long day for lacrosse hopefuls

lavish tower block, a place

overlooked by apartments be-longing to film stars such as

Woody Allen, Al Pacino and

Barbra Streisand. Famous

joggers like John F Kennedy Jr

and Madonna met their part-

Italian, Giacomo Leone, sur-

prised everyone by outlasting

the posse of African athletes

that had been expected to

monopolise the men's race. He

finished in 2hr 9min 54sec. 15

seconds ahead of Turbo

At the end of it all, an

ners here.

By John Goodbody

LACROSSE is certainly not a game for faint hearts. In the neo-classical splendour of Stowe School on Saturday, the rain teemed down and the day must have seemed endless for some of the 78 players.

During the morning, the Midlands County Junior Tournament was held with every team having a minimum of 80 minutes of intense activity. Then, after lunch, the outstanding girls were in action again in trials to pick the 20-strong regional representative squad.

Many of the girls had endured a total of two hours' exercise with the pressure in the morning of performing well for their team and in the afternoon for themselves. In games such as football or

hockey, this would be severe enough. However, every time one sees lacrosse, one is struck by the amount of effort involved. The long, sustained surging runs up and down and across the field, behind the goals, and even round the spectators, since boundary lines are arbitrary, mean it is a sport with a premium on speed and endurance.

With the girls understandably tiring in the afternoon and therefore more prone to making mistakes, choosing the best players was awkward for the selectors. Alison Hunt, of St Helen &

St Katharine School in Oxfordshire, who chaired the selectors, said: "It was exceedingly difficult this year as it was such a strong tournament. We can look at the players' stickwork skills. The on-the-ball stuff is more obvious but we also watch a girl's



has got the ball to know what to do. It is more what she is capable of doing when she hasn't got it. We have to look at her awareness in defensive situations."

Di Gamble, head of lacrosse at Stowe, added: "Selectors watch the versatility of players, whether they can both attack and defend. The game has not only become more closely regulated over the last 20 years but players are ambidextrous, being able to hold the sticks on both sides. They are also much fitter."

There was no doubt about that on Saturday. In the hectic 20-minute tournament matches. Buckinghamshire, bristling with girls from Wycombe Abbey, won all their four games. They topped the table in a competition which had been won four times in the previous five years by the combined Oxford and Warwickshire team.

In their final game, Buckinghamshire overwhelmed Shropshire 5-0 with Venetia Browne, 16, from Wycombe Abbey, scoring two of the seven goals she netted during the morning. Dodging and twisting round defenders, she was clusive near goal and shot with rare accuracy, sometimes

turf so that the goalkeeper found it more difficult to intercept. She said: "When you do that, the goalkeeper does not know where the ball is going to be."

As for her future, Browne added: "First, I want to get into the Midlands squad and then I would love to get into the England party." She completed the first of these two ambitions during the afternoon.

Another girl to make the Midlands party was Sarah Laver, 17, from Moreton Hall, who with her sustained artacks was impressive in the Shropshire team despite their heavy defeat. She said: "That was our worst game. We could have done much better but we were so tired and not on the ball. The Wycombe girls are so aggressive and know what is going on."

Worcestershire, made up of girls from Malvern Girls College and Alice Ottley School, took some time to blend their

One of their leading players, Juliet Tetley, 16, who is also hoping to represent the natjonal under-17 cricket team next year, had an England lacrosse trial last year. "I was a bit in awe of everything last year. I was quite young. But it's definitely a target for this

WITTET."
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RUGBY UNION

Australian power finally grinds down gallant Scots

Glasgow/Edinburgh XV 19 Australia XV

BY MARK SOUSTER

AUSTRALIA rumble on improving immeasurably with each performance. Their fourth consecutive victory maintains their 100 per cent tour record, and at its heart was a display of power, pace and aggression from their forwards, among whom Richard Harry was outstanding. and a sublime display by David Knox at stand-off half that ensured the good work was not wasted.

This side plays attractive running rugby whatever the conditions, and they were dreadful at Old Anniesland. but the main ingredient was the old-fashioned maul, simple effective and built on brute strength, but given a new twist by the speed at which it is executed. They used the driving maul as their ultimate anticipate it and attack the weapon of attack, a hugely effective ploy which led to three of their five tries, and proved virtually impossible to tackle and get him to the

totally legal is another matter. The touring team often appeared to have a man in front of the player in possession when using a tactic that Scotland were unable to answer on their tour to Australia in 1992. Nonetheless, Scotland will quickly have to find a way to

The Australians will argue that they were merely transferring the ball backwards to ensure momentum, but as

Full weekend

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prop who is likely to win his second cap at Murrayfield on Saturday, pointed out, "it seemed a bit odd not being able to get near the man with the ball because he is right at the back with a wall of bodies in front of him. We must move at source before they build up a head of steam. We should hit the man hard in the

Gavin summoned to reinforce tour party

By Mark Souster

THE Australia tour party yesterday sent for a third replacement - Tim Gavin, the New South Wales No 8 -as it wrestles with a mounting

injury crisis. Gavin, 32, the holder of 46 caps, replaces Mark Connors. who ruptured medial ligaments in the defeat of Glasgow/Edinburgh XV. He will take no further part in the tour and will return home after the international against Scotland at Murrayfield this weekend. Gavin is expected to arrive tomorrow.

Connors's injury means the touring party has now lost four of its original 30-strong having broken his ankle in Italy and Jason Little and Michael Brial picking up

knee injuries against Scotland A. David Giffen and Brett Robinson are also nursing hamstring strains.

Several of the likely side for the international will be forced to play tomorrow night against a Combined Scottish Select side in Perth. Greg Smith, the Australia coach, feels the Australian Rugby Union should have heeded his calls for a tour party of at least 32 from the outset. "New Zealand and South Africa now both take 36 players on tour, so their Test team is protected," he said. "In this professional era it's crazy that we are risking our Test play-

Smith is expected to announce a 21-man squad to play Scotland on Wednesday.

experience.

wheeling back play. Despite this advantage behind the scrum, only a point separated the two sides after an hour when Logan had capitalised on smart work by Scott Hastings for a converted try which left the scoreline 20-19 in Australia's favour. That followed a try by Campese, who rounded off a sweeping cross-field move, the

50-yard driving maul.

Donaldson kicked three penalty goals in the first half.

When one considers that six of the home pack were under the age of 22, and conceding 112st a man, they could be forgiven for falling prey to a tactic which the referee condoned. They scrummaged well and will be better for the

Given the heavy conditions and driving rain, the Australians kept faith with their desire to run the ball wide for Campese and Tune to indulge themselves, with Roff making telling incursions from full back. Gregan was an efficient distributor at scrum half and his partnership with Knox, whom Bob Dwyer maintains has the "best hands" of any stand-off in the world, was the catalyst for much of the free-

platform for which had been a

to offset a penalty by Knox who, crucially, also scored a try in the minute before halftime to add to their opening try by Connors. He was later to retire with a knee injury. As against Scotland A, the Australians pulled away in the last quarter, adding tries by Manu and Wilson.

Gregar: R Harry, M Foley, A Blades, D Manu, W Waugh, J Welborn, D Wilson, M Comnors, Comnors, replaced by T Kefu (63min); Manu replaced by M Caputo (70) Referee: A Walson (frelend)



Beveridge is brushed aside by Welborn as Australia mount another attack at Old Anniesland

Cambridge warm to global tests

Cambridge University .. 11 South Africa A 57

By Peter Bills

SOME things in life, thank goodness, never change. Amid the flurry of league and cup matches. Cambridge on an autumn afternoon offers a timeless appeal.

The students contesting a vigorous match in their usual lively manner, the familiar after-match gathering beside the coke fire in the main pavilion before retiring for tea and sticky buns at Selwyn College. Then, an organ recital in the magnificent chapel of King's College. Days like this

are to be treasured. The rugby was no irrelevance. Cambridge are adapting to the changing era with a very different fixture list. ere once the likes of Harlequins, Cardiff, London so - they have intimated that

now come South Africa A, the looked upon favourably. The They will, though, have learnt French Barbarians, Queens-thought of a player who runs much from this experience. land and Western Samoa.

The university authorities are to be congratulated for their enterprise in changing times. The South Africa A side were worthy opponents, as indicated by a winning tally of seven tries to one in the opening match of their tour. They only arrived on Thurs-day but, with ten of their team having had Currie Cup experience this season, there was no lack of quality and power.

Cambridge, shrewd chaps, have already recognised the attributes of the outstanding player on the pitch on Saturday, the South Africa full back du Toit. Anvone who can run as fast and strongly, kick the ball with his power and show such determination has the credentials to achieve a con-

siderable amount.

and kicks like a stag bringing his skills to Grange Road is delicious. Du Toit scored one marvellous try from 65 yards in the first minute of the second half — the best effort of the match — and, two minutes later, provided the link for another by Van der Walt. He then punished Ashforth for missing touch by landing a dropped goal from 50 metres out near the left touchline and

scored his second try from a Cambridge were desperately short because of the worst series of injuries most can recall. Nevertheless, they stuck to their task gamely. Hyde scored their try from close range after 53 minutes but, by then, the South Afri-cans had established a 36-6

Cambridge included only Scottish and Blackheath the player's wish to read law University match: fudgment strode onto Grange Road, at the university would be must, therefore, be deferred.

much from this experience.

SCORERS: Cambridge University: Try:
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Africa A: Tries: du Tot (2), Linee, Els, Van
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Edmund's House), "M Cox (St Columba's
Coll, Dubtin and Hughes Hall), "M Hyde (St)
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Semens, Sydney and St Edmand's House) Heali, "R Earnshaw (Yaur and St John 18, J Cocks (Newington College and St Edmund's House). Earnshaw replaced by A Netstrop (Chesde Hume School and St Edmund's House, 44min). Murphy replaced by J Edwards (Coopers Cobum, end St Catharnes A, 44). "denotes Blue SOUTH AFRICA A: D du Toit (Northerntenseas); J wan der Wett (Transvasa), E Lubbe (Griqueland West), T Linee (Western Province); M Keyser (Eastern Province); M Smith (Free State), C Lotter (Boland); R Kempson (Natel), N Drotstee Free State), W Meyer (Eastern Province), F Tierns (Eastern Province), F Tierns (Eastern Province), P Tierns (Eastern Province), P Smith (Griqueland West), R Eresmus (Free State).

Weakened Samoans unable to shake off early rust

Western Samoa XV..... 40

BY BRYAN STILES

IN THE harsh new rugby world of the professional, it is endearing teams from countries like Western Samoa who are feeling the chilly blast most Money - or lack of it -probably prevented them from making a winning start to their il-match tour of England, Ireland and Wales

on Saturday.

They could not call on the services of up to a dozen players because they were contracted to finish their seasons with Japanese clubs, or were injured in competitions they had been committed to in New Zealand.

As a result, they have been forced to regard this as a development tour in the build-up to the next World Cup in 1999. Had they had the money enjoyed by the leading world utnons, they would have been able to pay their players to stay loyal. "If only we had the money Sara-cens have," Bryan Williams, the coach, said in heartfelt

As one of the Cinderellas of the rugby circuit, the Samo-ans may not have much in the bank, but they invariably bring a dash of excitement to any fancy ball to which they are invited. In Fanoiua, at centre, Filemu, at scrum half, and Feaunati, at No 8, they have match-winners who should delight those who like



Williams: envious

fast. Fanolua, in particular, frequently showed breathtaking skills and pace to baffle the Saracens defence and score two tries.

The tour team were, however, caught cold and, in the first 20 minutes, Saracens, with Richard Hill in superlative form again, rattled up 34 points. This, Williams put down to rustiness and the little preparation time that the

Samoans had had. Williams will be looking for more than entertainment as be tries to banish the errors that tripped up his team on a number of occasions. He will need sterver stuff - not the kind that brought yellow cards for Ta'ala (high tackle) and Reidy (punching) - if they are to win their sole international match, against Ireland on November 12. He has two games to lick his

charges into shape. "We must get rid of the rust," Williams said, after seeing his side fall 39-23 behind by the interval and then throw caution to the wind as they vainly tried to

Wind as they vainly tried to catch up.

SCONERS. Seracens: Tries: HW (2), Martin, Turningley, Fiel, Cheaney, Diprose, Oliver. Conversions: Lee (5). Penetly goet: Lee. Western Sernoe XV: Tries: Feaunet (2), Fanolue (2). Conversions: Va'a (4). Penetly goets: Va'a (4). SARACSNS: A Turningley; K Cheaney, P Selfa, S Ravenscroft, B Kalcher, A Lee, P Fiet, A Olivor, C Olivey, C Mertin, H Morgan, D Zalizment, C Yendell, R Hill, A Diprose, Turningley replaced by M Evens (40min); Mertin replaced by M S Wilson (65); Morgan replaced by G Chuter (65); Morgan replaced by A Langley (65); Kebbier replaced by A Langley (65); Kebbier replaced by A Langley (65); Kebbier Replaced by T Astroom (77). WESTERN SANOA XV: V Pentr, P Fill, T Vegga, T Fanolus, V Fe'soto; E Ve'a, J Filemur, B Reidy, T Leassemaken, G Leau, S Ta'dia, P Leavasa, M Birthésia, P Lem, 1 Feèunest, Reserve; J Gestoun (Mereeilles).

Rendall courts new image

IT IS hard to equate the successful director of rugby, clad in blazer and tie, with the image of a man they used to

"The Judge". Today, Paul Rendall is a and successful coach. In days gone by, the mere mention of his name would out fear into the hearts of newly-capped internationals. His punishments in the England team's kangaroo court were legendary. Now he is proving that he is as adept at dispensing coaching advice as

he was at passing judgment. He has taken Bracknell through one of the most successful seasons in their history. Promotion to South West second division East was followed by victory in the Berkshire Cup, which earned them qualification for the Pilkington Cup for the first time this season.

Now they sit comfortably at the top of their new division with a 100 per cent record in league matches. They cruised through the early rounds of the Pilkington Cup and, on Saturday, played Esher in the

Unfortunately for Bracknell. Esher are another side with an impressive recent record. They are coached by Hugh McHardy, the former Alison Kervin sees

Esher bypass the

Harlequins player who previ-ously coached Blackheath and Rosslyn Park, They, too, were

a dropped goal, a conversion and two penalties.

Garner, the hooker.

Bracknell's reply through Howard Lamb, the No 8. Added to a penalty try and dropped goal, the score stood 26-15 at half-time, and stayed that way until the final

Bracknell bandwagon

payments, which

promoted last season and are the holders of the Surrey Cup. The two unbeaten teams met at Esher in front of a large crowd, and the home side soon established their superiority. Their forwards were the key to their success but the kicking skills of Ray Dudman were a considerable contributory factor. The former Harlequins full back's place-kicking was exemplary, and he also added

Esher's front row did the damage in the first half, with Andy White, the prop, scoring two tries. He was followed over the line by Christian

This is obviously disappointing - but we are determined to get promotion," Rendall said. "There are lots of great players here, and we hope to get some more quality men on board this season. We have a pot of £20,000 for

means there is some incentive. No other team in our division has that." Esher, delighted with their victory, were adamant they do not pay their players. Peter

Cook, the commercial manager, said: "No money goes to the players - that would be a big mistake. We have been concentrating on getting the administration and commercial side of the club in order first: without that you won't have resources in the future to invest." It would seem that the issues and disagreements raised by professionalism are already making an impact a long way down the rugby hierarchy.

SCORENS: Esher: Tries: Whas (2), Gamer.
Conversion: Dudman Penalty goals:
Dudman (2) Dropped goal: Dudman.
Bracknell: Tries: Lamb, penalty ity.
Conversion: Nowak. Dropped goal:
Longden

BRACKNELL: M Tipper, A Roofe, P Mably, N Longdon G Whittaker B Nowak, A Box, E Strong, R Turner, G Mosses, J Turner, A Leishman, C Steven, L Price, H Lamb

Newcastle step up pressure

NEWCASTLE have threatened to withdraw players from the national squads of Scotland and Ireland next weekend unless their seconddivision game with Rotherham on Saturday can be postponed (David Hands writes).

Last season, if any club had three or more players required for international duty, they could ask for a league game to be rearranged. Now that rule applies only to England-qualified players: next Friday, Scotland require George Graham and Peter Walton, for their A side against South Africa A. Doddie Weir and Gary Armstrong are in the Scotland squad to play Australia on Saturday and Ireland seek Nick Popplewell and Ross Nesdale for training for the match against Western Sa-

moa on November 12. Newcastle's position was made more urgent by their 19-18 defeat at Coventry on Saturday, which cost them the leadership of the Courage Clubs Championship second division from which only one

boill Sol

Neighbours shown door THE Rugby Football Union

has a new competition this season. Entitled the Rugby Football Union Intermediate Clubs Knockout Competition - the Inter Cup - it is open to those clubs that neither qualify for the Pilkington Cup nor number among the bottom 512 of the league system in England and thereby compete in the junior clubs' cup. Mirroring those competitions, it of-

fers a final at Twickenham. Necessarily, many clubs on the fringe of the national league structure are expected to be to the fore, among them Wimbledon, from London I. Then, on Saturday, at 104 Contenham Park Road ("large garden"), they produced what was generally regarded as their worst performance for three or more seasons in a 24-9 defeat that gifted their neighbours, Old Wimbledonians, a place among the 64 clubs that will contest the fourth round

on November 23. Considering that Esher. who secured a place in the fourth round of the Pilkington Cup on Saturday, number among Wimbledon's London I rivals, they should have won easily against opponents struggling in London II South, but their play was too stereotypical to unhinge an Old

Barry Trowbridge on a form upset in the new cup competition

Wimbledonians XV seemingly hell-bent on proving which side of The Ridgeway houses the top dogs. Off the pitch, Wimbledon harbour grand ambitions.

Tony Mann, the club's press and publicity secretary, and Paul Hughes, the commercial manager, spoke enthusiastically of senior status before the end of the century, planning permission for expansion of their facilities and lucrative sponsorship deals, but a few more performances like thisfrom their chosen representatives will leave them asking

It would be easy to suggest that Wimbledon peaked a week too early — the 40-8 demolition of Guildford and Godalming providing the perfect build-up for a cup-tie — or that injuries to a couple of key players had left them vulnerable, but, wherever they tried to play, Wimbledonians outnumbered them to ensure a flood of second-phase possession, and, after a torrid start in set pieces, looked, and proved.

the only side capable of scor-

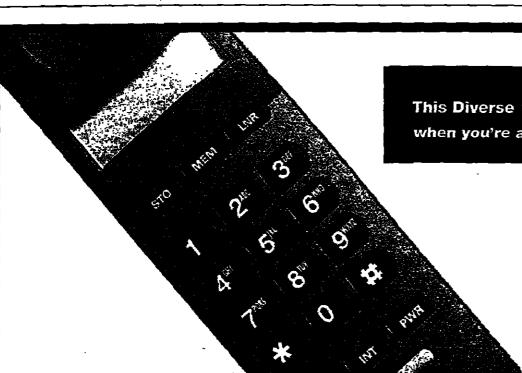
ing a try. Whenever they had possession, Kym Graham, at full back, and Rob Perkins and

Roger Brosch, in the centre, looked likely to find a way through, while in the lineout, Wimbledonians lost hardly a ball. In contrast, had Wimbledonians gone home early, Wimbledon would have somehow found a blind alley to run up or dropped the simplest of

Two tries in five minutes early in the second half, to make the score 21-6 - one the excellent awarding of a penalty try when Wimbledonians had a clear overlap and the ball was knocked on deliberately - made the numerical difference, but Wimbledon were already on the way out. Cultured kicking by Des Nangle, the Wimbledonians stand-off half, did the rest.

Stand-off half, did the rest.

SCORERS: Old Wimbledonians: Tries:
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Nargle (2). Wimbledon: Penalty guate:
Nargle (3). Williams.
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Duggan, T Kelteher.
WIMBLEDONI: L'angel; S Nice, D Read, N
Williams, M Dawson: M Hande-Heart, I
Howel; A Light, R Wimbledge, M Niston, C
Mason, P Astworth, M Burtes, G Wetson, J
Hobbs. Naison replaced by S Walters
(4) entered: G Beaumort (Lordon).



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Healey steers Leicester into the clear

Llanelli

المرازية الرطيقة مجامعها فكالمحا

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE presence at Welford Road on Saturday of Fran Cotton, arch proponent of divisional rugby, served to intensify the debate over the intrinsic value of the Heineken Cup. With each round of European competition, the impression hardens that players are now getting that extra level of intensive play which Cor-ton, the British Isles manager for the tour of South Africa next year, suggests the artifi-cially created divisions would give them.

The sadness is that, while experienced players such as Dean Richards and leuan Evans acknowledge the fillip



that Europe has given late in their careers, so few in England can appreciate the fact. Television may catch up with the competition at the quarterfinal stage, the weekend of November 16 and 17, by which time some of the best rugby will have come and gone.
"It's a joke," Bob Dwyer, the

Leicester director of rugby, said after his club became one of only two teams to reach the knockout stage unbeaten. "If we are trying to get more people attached to the game, we have taken a wrong-step. Even so, when people see the success of this season's competition, they will be anxious to latch on to it next year."

Dwyer, like some 8,000 of Leicester's followers, remains a frustrated man. He was content that his side should win by scoring four tries, yet dismayed by the opportunines ien nang November air. For the second time in eight days, it required a brilliant piece of individualism to make the game safe for Leicester. In Pau a week earlier, it had come from Leon Lloyd and, here, it was from Austin Healey, with one of the outstanding tries of the tournament.

As a scrum half, Healey requires in Dwyer's words, "some tidying up", but his aggressive instincts and devastating pace are gifts Leicester must find ways of releasing consistently. Lianelh, short of seven first-team players, refused to concede ground in any area and found space in midfield that Leicester could not. Thus Matthew Wintle, not for the first time, carved through for a try which, with Botica's conversion, restored the lead to the Weish club at 16-15.



Lloyd, the promising Leicester wing, tries to get the better of Ieuan Evans during the match at Welford Road. Photograph: Des Jenson

more definite direction behind

pressed a preference for

It has yet to be confirmed

whether each of the home

make a £25,000 contribution

to the away team, or whether

a division of the gate receipts

final been determined. The

semi-finals are scheduled for

January 4 and 5 and there is

speculation that the final

may be played either the

next week, before the start of

Nor has the date for the

will be required.

Then came Healey, released by John Liley after Proctor's failure to find touch. The scrum half, just short of his own ten-metre line, looked right then set off to the left, round the advancing Llanelli forwards and a little show of the ball carried him deep into open space; with the corner flag in sight he pinned back his ears and, despite Moon's best effort, completed a 70-

By DAVID HANDS

ENGLAND and France are

assured of representation in

the semi-finals of the

Heineken Cup, courtesy of quarter-finals that take Har-

equins to Leicester and Tou-

loose to Dax. Spare a thought for Pontypried,

though An earlier pool A victory over Bath counted

for nothing as their defeat by

Dax on Saturday forced

them out of the quarter-

finals because their points

difference is inferior to that

Llanelli's survival de-

pended on Pau losing to

Leinster at Donnybrook,

which they duly did, 25-23,

but only because Alam

McGowan kicked a 50-metre

metre run with a dive that deserved to be exultant.

When his ability as a cover Dwyer said. "If he had some defender is added ("He makes tackles Ken Catchpole would have been proud of," Dwyer said, and any comparison

goal McGowan, capped

once by Ireland, collected 20

points to go with Kurt

McQuilkin's try while Pau

scored three tries, to no avail.

ly to be staggered over the

weekend of November 16-17

and European Rugby Cup (ERC) officials met yester-

day, and will meet again

today, to consider the run-

ning order. French television

would hope for a live game

each day while Cardiff, at

home to Bath, have ex-

The quarter-finals are like-

him, it would help a fair bit." That, of course, is the qualiwhich exists in midfield at with one of Australia's great Harlequins, whom Leicester will play at home in the scrum halves should be cherished). Healey is a considerquarter-final. Llanelli must able package. But his coach make a trip to Brive, but they makes the point that he would benefit from greater tactical derived considerable benefits from the hard-driving Wyatt

England guaranteed semi-final place

QUARTER-FINAL DRAWS

Sunday.

and Vernon Cooper, 19, who tackled one of England's more experienced second-row partnerships with relish and no little success.

Only when they were temporarily reduced to 14 men did Llanelli concede their early lead. Perego required attention to a cut mouth and, before he could be replaced, Leicester scored in the area where Llanelli were short, Johnson's

the five nations' champion

ship, or before the end of

January. It would be far

better to complete the com-

petition before it becomes

ensnarled in the five na-

tions', thus a final date -

possibly January 12 at

Twickenham - will be con-

sidered, even though there is

a full league programme in

In the European Confer-

ence, the second-tier compe-

tition, Northampton stand

alone against the might of

France in the quarter-finals.

but at least they face Nar-

benne at home. All four

ptiol-winners were unbeaten

but Swansea were edged out

of a quarter-final when

Bègles-Bordeaux ran up 93 points against Ebbw Vale.

England the previous day.

greater than 10-9 had Rob Liley not started a run of six successive misses at goal. Leicester continue with the younger Lifey, despite having the club's record points scorer, John Liley, in their ranks because they want to see the

tap-down gave Drake-Lee the

chance to force his way through a less-densely popu-

lated area and Leicester's in-

terval lead would have been

older brother justify his place as a full back. Lloyd popped up on his

favoured wing, the right to take Greenwood's overhead pass and enhance Leicester lead but, well-marshalled by Botica, Llanelli responded in style through Wintle. Had Botica not hit a post with a penalty from pointblank range, Llanelli might have entered the final minutes trailing by no more than a point, but Leicester worked Rowntree over from a lineout and were able, for the first time, to relax.

SCORERS: Lelcester: Tries: Drake-Lee Lioyd, Hessley, Rowntree Conversion: R Liley, Penastly goat: R Liey Lanstil: Try: Wintle Conversion: Botca, Penalty goets: Botca (2). Dropped goat: Botca. LEICESTER: J Liey: S Hackney, W Greenwood, N Malone, L Lloyd: R Litey, A Healey: G Roomstree. R Cockerill. D Garforth, J Wells, M. Johnson, M Poole, W Drake-Lee, D Richards,

LIAMELLI W Proctor I Evans, M White, N Boobyer, A Richards: F Botica, R Moon: B Evans, R McBryde, S John, P Morts, S Ford, V Cooper, M Perego, C Wyatt. F Evans replaced by H Williams-Jones (11-17 and 74mil): Perego lemporarity replaced by L Wisiams (34-38)

Pontypridd undone by Dourthe

Pontypridd....

FROM GERALD DAVIES

THIS was a struggle of equal teams with different tactical approaches. Dax enjoyed the freedom of the open spaces. whereas Pontypridd preferred control and steadiness in the close quarters. It proved a fascinating contest. At the end of a tense, difficult and often exciting match, the home team had proved itself worthy to go through to the Heineken Cup quarter-finals, and a home tie against Toulouse, having scored the only try of the match within two minutes of

Pontypridd left the European field with honour. Having won their previous three matches, which included bringing down the Bath colours, they had created a considerable reputation. They are a team with a big heart. not a fat cheque-book. Dennis John, their coach, has made a team, not bought one. They are, as the Dax fraternity would say, born in the same church: the players come from within hearing distance of the same bells.

This was always going to be their great test. It is all very well taking on the high and mighty on your own pitch in front of a fervently partisan crowd, it is quite another to travel further afield and do the same against the powerful clubs of France.

This was not simply a brave and courageous effort - the usual epithets which are applied in these circumstances. Pontypridd gave as good as they got. They were there at the end, putting on the pres-sure, and Dax just managed to survive their final onslaught. Pontypridd have restored faith in Welsh club rugby and proved that they can compete at this level.

But a good start for them came hopelessly adrift. Having won several rucks, Paul John was dispossessed and Mola kicked on the loose ball from the halfway line and won e chase to get his tourth of the competition after 90 seconds. Dourthe converted. It was quite a ladder for the

visitors to climb. While they were able to control the ball. Pontypridd exerted pressure but, in attempting to move it in midfield, nervousness took over. To this the home team responded with verve and speed. The danger signals were alattacked, with Giordani and Tauzin both inventive with a ball in their hands.

Yet it was the visitors who scored next. Given a penalty on the halfway line, the touch earlier high French tackle. which allowed Jenkins to kick his first penalty from the 22metre line.

The home team was guilty of consistently killing the ball on the ground. To the conster-

nation of the home crowd, their team was penalised seven times in succession and mostly for the same offence. Given three opportunities to kick at goal, Jenkins was successful in giving his team a 12-7 lead after 30 minutes. The Dax centres continued

to play with some superb sleight of hand in midfield and to open wide the visitors' defence. From one such move, the line was at Gouaillard's mercy, but he dropped the

Pontypridd proved equal to this, with Jenkins prompting a counter-attack from his own 22-metre line. Lloyd and Manley continued a thrilling move, which came to an end just short of the Dax tryline.

As frustration grew among the home players, so their errors increased. Paul John and Jenkins invariably punished them with astute kicks. The half ended with the visitors keeping matters tightly

Yet the Pontypridd scrum at

European results and final pool tables..... Page 40

no time looked comfortable and, with McIntosh attempting to run out of defence from the restart. Dax exerted their power. From the ensuing me-Pontypridd were penalised and Dourthe reduced the deficit.

The contrast in play was by now clear. Dax looked for the loose and breakaway moves. their opponents looked to the set and firm control. Prosser and Rowley secured the kind of steady possession which allowed Pontypridd their style. Their defence, particularly the two Lewises in the centre, brought to a halt the impromptu Dax attacks. These were full of promise but they were rarely fulfilled.

the end. It was Ponty pridd who were creating the greater pressure and twice narrowly failed to cross their opponents' line. The contest was thus decided by the kicking abilities of Dourthe and Jenkins. The Frenchman had the edge.

SCORERS: Dex: Tries: Mola. Conversion: Dourthe Penalty goals: Dourthe (5) Pontypridd: Penalty goals: Jenkins (6) DAX: R Dourthe: U Mola, P Grordan, F Tauzn, P Labeyne; JF Dubos, N Mortaes, O Gouarland, R Ibanez, D Laponne, R Berek, F Lalarne, O Roumal, O Magne, F Petous Capenne replaced by W Rebeyrotte (63mm) PONTYPRIDD: N Morgan: D Manley, S Lewis, J Lewis, P Fond: N Jerstuns, Paul John: N Eynon, Phil John, A Griffates, M Lloyd, G Prosser, M Rowley, M Williams, D Michinish Referee: C Must (Scotland).

Toulouse restore honour by demolishing Munster

FROM NICOLAS ANDREWS

IN TOULOUSE

IT WAS, according to L'Equipe on Saturday morning, a question of pride, a matter of honour. Never before, in 21 years as a Toulouse player and now coach, had Guy Noves suffered such an indignity as the 77-17 defeat at Wasps the previous week.

Toulouse did not show their real face last Saturday." Novès said. We were really upset," Thomas Castaignède. the France centre, added. "We will never forget it. We don't know what happened. Today, we wanted to show the real Toulouse, and that the Wasps game was a mistake."

Only victory in the final, and the consequent retention of the Heineken Cup, will make up for the defeat at Loftus Road, Noves said, and, while the margin of success at Les Sept Deniers on Saturday failed to reflect a gallant Munster contribution to the first hour, it certainly put their hosts back on track.

"They are a fabulous side," Mick Galwey, the Munster captain said. "In the last 20 minutes they were in a differ-

ent league." Munster, of course, had already beaten Wasps in what Colm Tucker, their manager, called "the group of death". but they gave themselves little chance here by conceding 17 points in the first 17 minutes. First Califano, the rampaging Toulouse prop. emerged from a driving maul to power

over after Ougier had set up the position. Then Marfaing beat Wallace to the touchdown after Deyland had cleverly kicked through. The stand-off half converted both, to add to a second-minute penalty. "It was an uphill battle after

that," Tucker said, but battle Munster did, and a scrum against the head in the 31st minute reflected how the Irish forwards clawed their way back into the game.

Had they succeeded with try-scoring opportunities on either side of half-time, things might have been different. Instead, it was Mariaing, with the second of three tries, who got the crucial first score in the second period, after Deyland had dummied McCahill, and there was no way back for



Ntamack: two tries

Munster after that. Berty, Califano again, Ntamack (twice) and Ougier took the province apart with some ruthless, exhilarating rugby.

Corkery did touch down for the only Munster try in the final minute to cap an impressive individual display. Foley, too, and Keane, kicking bravely under pressure from 14,000 intimidating Toulousains, did themselves credit.

Corkery was on the receiv-

ing end of 136 points in five days, after Bristol's defeat by Bath in the league last Tuesday, and he believes that only the English champions could live with the Toulouse threequarters in this mood. First, though, the French champions must travel to Dax for an all-French quarter-final and Bath must negotiate a trip to Cardiff, to play last season's beaten finalists.

SCORERS: Toulouser Merfeling (3), Cal-tano (2), Niamack (2), Berly, Ougler, Conversions: Deviand (6), Panetty goals: Deyland (3), Murster: Try, Cortery, Convension: Keane, Penetty goals: Keane

(49.
- TOULOUSE: S Ougler, E Miamack, M Marfeing, T Castaignede, D Berty, C Deyleud, J Cazalhou; C Celébro, P Lassere, J-L Jordanta, D Lacrotx, H Morint, F Belot, R Somes, S Dispagne, Belot replaced by H Manent (49min); Castaignede replaced by O Carbonneau (49); Jordana replaced by W Begesie (69); Dispagne replaced by O Marin (68). MERISTER: P Murany (Shennon): R Wal-Dispegres replaced by O Marin (65).

MUNSTER: P Merrany (Sternor); R Weihace (Sarcars), B Weish (Cork Constitution), S McCaintil (Sunday's Weil), D Cretty
(Cerryowen); K Keane (Strryowen), S
Moleor (Sartyowen); J Floogrand (Young
Merstar), T Kingston (Dorbhin), N Healy
(Sternon), A Foley (Sternon), M Galwey
Sternon), A Foley (Sternon), M Galwey
Strenzoni, G Futicher (London Hish), D
Contary (Bristof), B Cronin (Serryowen),
Healy explaced by P McCarthy (Cork
Constitution, 9); Cronin replaced by L
Dinsen Old Crescent, 69); McCarthy
soplaced by I Munay (Cork Constitution, 68).
Referee: A Spreadbury (England).

Carling's conversion fails to satisfy the unbelievers

Harlequins.. Caledonia Reds

By JOHN HOPKINS

HURTLING towards total

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professionalism, Harlequins have allowed few opportunities to achieve that aim to go untapped, though there was one piece of technology that they did not have under control on Saturday. Moments before the NEC Harlequins, as they are now called interminably, walked onto the pitch. The Mighty Quin blared out around the ground. It was the same at half-time but, by the end of the game, the tape had given up and the

announcer was forced to apol-

ogise for the malfunction.

At the first notes of the song, there was much bemusement among the 3,750 spectators, who appeared as though they were not sure it was what they wanted to hear. But that is Harlequins — or rather NEC Harlequins — for you: a ground resembling a building site, a new grandstand being built on the other side of the pitch, players' shirts with

names and squad numbers on the back. Down at the Stoop Memorial Ground, they are embracing professionalism as if their lives depended on it. Which makes the efforts of Caledonia Reds all the more meritorious. Three of their players were from third and fourth division Scottish clubs and, whereas almost every

Harlequin is at least a parttime professional - and many full-time - only three of the visiting team were.

Caledonia trailed by only four points at half-time and again after 48 minutes. In the last 22 minutes, David McIvor, his shock of iron-grey hair covered by a black scrum cap, scored two tries. Rowen Shepherd made telling breaks into the line and, when the Harlequins midfield forgot to tackle, as they sometimes did, Paul Rouse took advantage of

such unexpected freedom. A few years ago, one would scarcely have thought it possible to see 91 points scored and come away feeling unsatisfied and, to an extent, dissatisfied. Harlequins played a customer's game, taking the lead, allowing their visitors to draw close and then pulling away again.

There is no denying the fluency of their running, the



the speed and dexterity dem-onstrated by Keith Wood in broken play. It was their third game in six days and, after defeats by Brive and Sale, they were pleased with a victory that included nine tries and few injuries.

What, though, does one make of Will Carling's goalkicking? He had ten attempts and landed five of them, When Williams went off, Paul Challinor came on to play stand-off half and Carling reverted to centre, with Connolly on the left wing. How long are they going to persist with someone who is clearly not their best kicker? Furthermore, Harlequins

conceded four tries. Perhans it did not matter to them. It ought to -- particularly when they do not convert as many as they should.

they should.

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How Britain's best see the academy

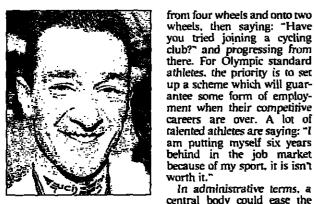


Roger Black Athlete

THERE are two reasons why we need an academy. First, it should be for the elite. The facilities and support services should be so good that a talented youngster wants to train there. It should also provide a focus for British sport, raising the awareness of sport in this country, and be a

place that people want to visit. There should be regional academies, but the central academy is vital. It is where the best doctors and research scientists should be based. It is where national squads would automatically go for sessions. For instance, our 400 metres group is about to meet in Birmingham. If there were an academy, we would automatically meet there.

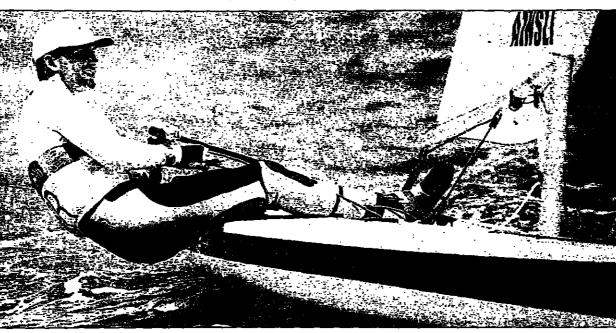
For promising youngsters, it would be ideal. For athletics, we must have proper indoor facilities. This is a problem for young high jumpers, hurdlers



Chris Boardman Cyclist

I AM sceptical about the need for any sort of central academy. I need to be convinced that it would be effective in providing facilities for those who really want to succeed, not just ose who want the easy life. in cycling, we need to start with the grass roots, initially just persuading people away THE Government is considering 25 applications to build and run a British Academy of Sport, which is to be set up to provide a centre for future Olympic medal-winners and successful national teams. Backed with £100 million of National Lottery funding, the academy will not only have the best sports facilities in the country, to attract the elite competitors, but will provide financial backing for talented youngsters to stay and train there. It will have facilities for sports medicine, physiotherapy, coaching

and sports science. The successful bid for the academy is expected to be announced early next year. The Prime Minister has emphasised that he wants to see the academy set up on a greenfield site, probably in the Midlands, so that competitors can reach the centre easily. John Goodbody and Andrew Longmore have canvassed opinions from six Olympic medal-winners from different sports on what facilities they would like to see at the



Ben Ainslie Yachtsman

YACHTING, by its very nature, has tended to be a sport apart from the rest. Though the governing body [the Royal Yachting Association) has worked to set up a structure and develop young talent. it is often up to individuals to make their

from four wheels and onto two

club?" and progressing from there. For Olympic standard

athletes, the priority is to set

up a scheme which will guar-

antee some form of employ-

ment when their competitive

careers are over. A lot of

talented athletes are saying: "I

because of my sport, it is isn't

In administrative terms, a

central body could ease the

burdens on athletes, give them

guidance and support. Simple

things like finding the best travel deals, helping with sponsorship, pooling re-

sources. But one place cannot

be all things to all people. A tiny percentage of athletes

have the determination to

succeed whatever the obsta-

those and make their route to

the top less complicated.

worth it."

own ways. It is difficult to see exactly where a central academy of sport would fit in. Ideally, there would be a coastal centre of excellence, funded and run by the central academy and including facilities for fitness training and boat repairs, for example, a focus for coaching and preparation, a place where we could hold international training camps and

There should be a similar medical and research set-up to the British Olympic medi-

cal centre at Northwick Park

in north London. I have found

the centre helpful for testing

and recovering from injury.

However, people from the

North do not use it because it

The academy should have facilities for weight training,

swimming and running, so one can do plenty of cross

training. Excellent facilities

will also attract elite competi-

tors from other activities, so

that judo squads can talk to

them about how they are

coping with their problems. We can then help each other.

the academy open on one night a week for visitors, so

that we have different people

with whom to train. However.

most of the time I would like

to see the academy just for the

elite, who are able to stay

there for some weeks on end.

For judo, I would like to see

is too far away.

learn from other teams. The problem is that yachting is still viewed more as an expensive pastime than an Olympic sport. Otherwise, I would use a central academy as a support system, to learn about diet, nutrition, techniques of physical and mental preparation. An academy and knowledge.



THE academy should be the At the moment, it is very



Paul Palmer Swimmer

central hub of a wheel, with other regional centres as the spokes. It should be in the middle of the country, not in London, and should have a 50-metre pool, for which the dedicated swimmers There was a 50-metre pool and the weight-training facilities were out of this world. would have exclusive access.

Brands Hatch cashing in on track record

Brands Hatch Leisure has undergone some-thing of a revolution over the past ten years. Once a private concern run by motor racing enthusiasts for enthusiasts, it has turned itself into a multi-leisure theme park. Profits have shot up and, on Thursday, it will become the first motor racing circuit listed on the Landon Stock

Greg Searle

Oarsman

THE priorities should be,

first, youth development and, second, coaching develop-ment. I would see the academy

as a university of sport, some-

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Exchange.
The decision to go where the money is, leaving the profes-sional sport behind if need be, has transformed its fortunes. The company, while capitalising on the legendary reputation of its prize circuit, no longer feels the need to host the sporting events on which

like any other university, have its reputation was built. Motor racing is, ironically, fun. In rowing, we have a good the least rewarding activity of racing circuits. Events like the schools system. The problem comes after leaving school. British Grand Prix are now. Too many oarsmen are lost because they have to choose run by separate companies. between rowing and educa-tion. It is vital that the acadewho walk away with the advertising revenues and my should be a recognised leave the venue with little more than it can collect at the gate. Nor are the supporters centre for sport, not just a collection of regional centres, a place for athletes to train and great spenders. Once in the grandstand, they part with share experiences, also an inspirational place for childlittle more than £14 per head.

Brands Hatch has come up Ideally, facilities would include a 2,000-metre six-lane with an answer. While it has not hosted the British Grand rowing lake. We have one in Prix for ten years, it still ranks as one of the most famous circuits in the world. The venue still has enormous pullthis country, Germany has difficult to get regular access to the few 50-metre pools in the ing power and the management has found that the real country because clubs and money is made in packaging members of the public use the its circuits as a themed funtair.

not a sporting mecca.

The most successful spin-Leading swimmers would offs have been the racing schools, at Brands Hatch. be attracted to the academy, whereas at the moment they largely train with their clubs. This would mean that they Oulton Park and Snetterton, which now rake in £2 million could work against each other per year. Customers are queuand so improve their staning up to spend up to £240 per dards. There should be residay living out their fantasies. dential accommodation so For businessmen who have dreamed about racing at that competitors could live a university kind of existence. Brands Hatch since child-Everything should be on tap: medical support, facilities for stroke analysis, gymhood, it is worth every penny. More profitable still are the

conference facilities, where, spending other people's money, delegates splash out When we went to Athens in Georgia last April, for a preon food, accommodation and Olympic training camp, we other entertainment facilities. stayed on an ordinary univeralways eager to adjourn to the sity campus but everyone still said: "If only we had a facility, such as this is in Britain."

Motor racing, once the rai-son d'etre of Brands Hatch, now brings in less than a third of its revenue. Nicola Foulston, 29, the chief execu-



tive, would like to see this reduced even further. She is happy to admit that the company's thinking can be summed up thus: if its does not make money, we will not

Brands Hatch has been richly rewarded for its conversion to the ways of the market. It has just raised E9.3 million through floating on the Stock Exchange, E5 million of which will be spent refurbishing grandstands at its four courses, and building new conference centres. But now, it is largely owned by merchant banks, who will expect a cut of profits and a say in organisation.

ilverstone, meanwhile, is adamant that it will never go down the same path. It is owned and run by the British Racing Drivers' Club (BRDS), which shares its profits with no one and puts every penny back into the

The BRDS is well aware that motor racing is not very profitable, but this causes little concern. It knows that it could boost profits by letting businessmen whizz round its tracks in go-karts. But Silverstone sees its first duty to the sport, viewing the business side as a means to an end. Profits are not growing as quickly as they could, but none of the directors is particularly bothered.

Brands Hatch once had the same ethos and, ten years ago, the directors met in a Portakabin, Foulston has spent her 20s revamping the company she inherited, and has seen its value jump by seven times. But, while the circuit still ranks alongside Silverstone in public esteem, Brands Hatch now runs its four tracks from a completely

Fraser Nelson

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Kate Howey

Judo fighter

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CHANGING TIMES

BASKETBALL

Newcastle progress despite loss of New

By NICHOLAS HARLING

THE last three first division clubs bowed out of the Classic Cola National Cup by margins of 30 points or more at the weckend -- but not before one of them had provoked their celebrated Budweiser League visitors into a fit of temper. It was for flattening Daniel

Hildreth, very much an agent provocateur for Ware Rebels, that Michael New was expelled from Newcastle Eagles' first-round tie nine seconds from half-time. "He was lucky I only pushed him," the 6ft 9in centre said after his team's 102-70 victory.

A series of minor flash-

points, all involving Hildreth, 20, a shaven-headed guard, had been a feature of the first half. As the interval approached, with the Eagles only 38-36 ahead, New's patience snapped. He claimed afterwards that Hildreth had elbowed him when the ball

was dead. Ironically, it was after New's exit — with 15 points to his name — that the Eagles assumed command, collecting 37 of the next 48 points. The 35 point contribution of Charlie Mandt, including nine dunks, was a bonus for their coach, Tom Hancock.

"No matter what I thought of what was going on in the first half and what the problems were, I had to make the players take the general responsibility for their own ineptness," Hancock said.

Anthony Joseph, the play-maker discarded by Newcastle, has joined Crystal Palace, albeit too late to help Alton Byrd's squad emulate their feat of last season, when they reached the semi-finals. Palace succumbed 91-61 to Manchester Giants.

Nate Reinking recorded 32 points in Leicester Riders' 84-74 win at Worthing Bears. The closest tie was at Bracknell, where, with nine seconds left. Peter Scantlebury hit the two free throws that gave Thames Valley Tigers an 80-79 win over Derby Storm.

SPORTS LETTERS

From Mr Julian Everitt Sir, The cancellation of a yacht

race may not seem that seri-ous, but there are life and death implications in the growing trend of sailing clubs abandoning races due to high winds, as did the Hamble River Sailing Club last Sunday.

Ocean racing is a unique sport. You can't "stop" if the weather turns bad. You can't pull off the road or go back to the clubhouse. Even in relatively warm and sheltered waters and on short races you require a basic skill to manage the wind and waves. You can never master them, but you must be in tune with their moods. Perhaps the nearest equivalent is mountaineering where there are strong similarities in regard to the requirements for self-

The Royal Ocean Racing Club, founded in 1925 to promote offshore racing in small yachts, has rarely failed to start a race in its 50-year history. The responsibility for the boat and crew is unasham-edly down to the skipper.

Yachting abandonments undermine safety

It is the skipper's and/or crew's decision whether to race or not. They are responsi-ble for the seaworthiness of their yacht and for their own abilities to deal with whatever the weather might throw at them. In this way the concept of self-sufficiency is allowed to develop and the ultimate safety of the participants is

The cancellation of a yacht race due to inclement weather poses interesting questions. The regatta organisers, ever more terrified of litigation should they start a race in "too-much wind", now seem more likely to adopt a fair weather bias on the grounds of safety". It is a misguided and inappropriate response and one likely to undermine safety rather than promote it. There are two significant knock-on effects:

1. The skill levels of crews able to cope with heavy weather is degraded due to lack of prac-

tice. What better place is there than in the relatively sheltered waters of the Solent to learn about the capabilities of your yacht and crew prior to venturing offshore where you

may have to cope with unex-

pectedly high winds and big seas and where you won't be able to escape them. 2. The sea-keeping qualities of the yachts themselves will be slowly reduced as designers optimise the boats for light and medium weather, ignor-ing the possibility that the yachts will have to race in

strong winds. Race committees may think they are acting responsibly by not sending yachts out to race in sheltered water when the wind is gale force, but in fact they are undermining the very necessary skills required to survive offshore and are trivialising the need to produce sound, well-found yachts that can survive the worst weather.

Yours faithfully, JULIAN EVERITT, 9 Wyndham Street, W1.

Fair play ignored From Mr Michael W. Brown

Sir, The only thing amiss with Mr S. C. Julians's letter ("Referees deserve support". October 28) is that it does not go far enough.

I saw my first League match at Fratton Park, Portsmouth, in 1949. Since then it has demonstrably been the policy of many professional football managers, coaches and players to use foul play and lawbreaking as part of their tactical approach to gain an advantage either directly or during a match by attenuating

the referee's authority. This has now reached epidemic proportions. At any corner kick, for example, an averagely competent referee could award free kicks and penalties galore to penalise the shirt-pulling, tripping, ankletapping, elbowing, pushing, back-nudging, holding and obstruction which routinely occurs. Outfield play is little

This cynical disregard of fair play has been aided by the "experts" in the media, mainly in the form of attacks on referees, who are doing no more than applying the laws.

There was a classic example in e Manchester derby match in February this year.

At a corner kick Cantona, lurking on the far side of the penalty area, was held (and held down) from behind in a bear-hug by an opponent. The corner sailed harmlessly over everybody's head, but the refer-ee immediately — and correctly - awarded a penalty.

The pundits comments ranged from suggesting that the referee was wrong the wasn't), biased (ditto) or overofficious (ditto again). "No-where near the ball" was a typical comment, despite the fact that the law specifically rules that the location of the ball is irrelevant. "No clear scoring chance" was another, although this is relevant only to the issue of whether the offender is sent off (he wasn't) as well as penalised. A foul is a foul is a foul.

I asked one commentator, who had severely criticised the what he would have said if the defender, standing under the referee's nose, had punched Cantona as the ball passed overhead instead of holding him — both offences ranking the same treatment under the laws, although differ-

ent criminally. No answer, no apparent understanding, no shame, either, for maintaining a calumny against an honest - and, as much to the point, completely correct - official

Another group of television commentators suggested that if fouls such as the above were routinely penalised there might be ten penalties a side in each match. That is a price I would willingly pay. Law-breaking, after all, is the easy way to frustrate skill without possessing it yourself; and it is now so ingrained in the professional game that it needs a refereeing revolution to bring on-field conduct back to an acceptable standard.

A man's game it certainly is, so why don't those managing and playing it professionally act like men, stay within the laws and keep quiet when their underhand methods are detected and penalised?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL BROWN. Marrick, 5 Hendon Close, Highbridge, Somerset.

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Oscar Schindler tests climate of opinion

FROM RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

IT IS a question Phar Lap, principal target all year. He Carbine and Tolloch, legends has been asked to do least of of the Melbourne Cupi never had to face. Yet as the starting gates for the latest running of Australia's greatest race burst open at 3.20pm (4.20am GMT) tomorrow, the answer will determine the outcome of this historic contest.

Vintage Crop showed three years ago that travelling half-way round the world and exchanging the chill winds of an Irish autumn for the warmth of an Australian spring need not be insur-mountable obstacles. Quick Ransom and Double Trigger found otherwise. Will Oscar Schindler, Court Of Honour and Grey Shot be able to overcome a 12,000-mile journey and much more besides to give of their best?

Even their nearest and dearest are in the dark. "You go into it blind," Peter Chapple-Hyam, the trainer of Court Of Honour, said after watching his runner have a final canter at the weekend. "You can't give them a hard bit of work to find out because

Nap: ZAMBEZI SPIRIT (2.35 Phympton) Next best: Hotspur Street (2.25 Newcastle)

you will push them over the top, so you sit, hope and just

pray they go well."
Ian Balding used a motoring analogy after Grey Shot, complete with winter coat, appeared to show his wellheing with a pleasing piece of speed work. It is like running a car with a petrol gauge that is not working. You just don't know what there is in the tank."

And in his inimitable trish Kevin Prendergast way, Kevin Prendergast looked to the heavens for inspiration as Oscar Schindler attempts to justify favouritism. "It's up to the man above now."

Do not mistake their uncertainty for laxity. Each has been meticulous about their horse's preparation and, after consulting Dermot Weld, Mark Johnston and Lord experiences, they have adopted a similar approach by trying to make sore their horses were fit when arriving in Australia rather than working them hard here.

Court Of Honour, second in the Italian Derby and fifth behind Lammtarra at Epsom · last season before showing useful form behind Double Trigger and Classic Cliche this term, has had this race as his

all, deliberately, since arriving. "We brought him fit and have tried to keep him healthy for the day because I have seen what happened with horses I took to America and elsewhere They galloped unbelievably well beforehand and then ran disastrously, Chapple-Hyam said.

Grey Shot, the Goodwood Cup winner who arrived a week earlier than the other two but had a temperature soon afterwards, has done a little more work. "Dylan Holley, who looks after him and knows him well, feels he is as well as he has been all year, but who knows?" Balding added.

Then there is Oscar Schindler, whose travel and preparation have thrilled Prendergast and his team. "I could not be happier," the trainer said. "It has gone so well it is frightening. I have not put a lot of work into him because he was basically a fit horse when he arrived. It is a like a polished floor, you just have to maintain the sheen. I think he can win."

The potential effect of the travel and different conditions on the European challengers is more important than ever this year because the domestic line-up looks nothing excep-tional If one could safely assume the three raiders will run to something approaching their best form, it would be a surprise if they finished out of the first five or even first three. Heavy rain here yesterday, which should take the sting out of the rock hard Flemington track, served only to increase confidence.

If Oscar Schindler goes close to repeating the form which saw him win the Irish St Leger so impressively, be-

04.20 FOSTER'S MELBOURNE CUP (2684,211: 2m) (24 TURNERS)

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Oscar Schindler is fed some grass by his trainer, Prendergast, after a workout in preparation for the Foster's Melbourne Cup tomorrow

fore an unlucky-in-running third behind Helissio in the Arc, he should win this with something to spare. Those two performances came after the Melbourne Cup weights were published. According to official Irish ratings he has improved 7lb since then, al-

LIVE ON SKY

though most would say it is nearer a stone. If the European horses fail

my four against the field would be Doriemus, the winner 12 months ago; Nothin' Leica Dane, last year's runnerup who put in an eye-catching run in the Mackinnon Stakes on Saturday: Saintly, trained by Bart Cummings; and Senator, from New Zealand. Also among the home team.

a name familiar to British enthusiasts is Istidaad, who was third in the St Leger when trained by Alec Stewart. The colt has since joined Peter Hayes in Australia.

However, the confidence within the Oscar Schindler camp suggests he has more than coped with the journey and different climate. The progressive four-year-old is a better horse than Vintage Crop at his best and is as well,

if not better, handicapped.

I believe Oscar Schindler. whose starting price here will be longer than the odds available in Britain, can win with, I hope, Grey Shot and Court Of Honour close behind.

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107 RSO1 ROLLDMAY MELDOW 17 [D.6.5] McMahom 3-9-4 ... E Carler 3

108 1084 PC'S CRUSSER 6 (B.CD.6) J Fee 4-9-2 ... T Wellburgh 1

109 0500 LADY SEX 10 (C.6.5) Mrs J Care 5-9-2 ... S D Willburgh 5

110 1000 SANDRA 14 R Abelmar 4-9-1 ... S Drowne 10

111 1000 SANDRA 14 R Abelmar 4-9-1 ... S Drowne 10

112 00-0 RHEE WEIGES 11 W May 3-4-8 ... J Fortune 15

113 0000 SPANSH STRIPPER 12 (f) M Chapman 5-8-7 ... DR NaCabe 14

140 0003 SCOVY 6 J Helderson 3-6-6 ... N Kemedy 12

115 0000 BAD NEWS 53 J Bestley 4-8-5 ... L Charmon 9

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201	0400	DANCERG SKOUX 16 (B.C.G) D Nicholls 4-9-10 M Wigham 6	
302	3001	CHEEKY CHAPPY 2 (B)D.F.B.S) D Chapman 5-9-8 (7ex) A Culhano 2	
203	0500	MISS OFFSET 7 (B,CD,G,S) M Johnston 3-9-6 J Wester 13	
204	3543	MADRINA 7 J Berry 3-9-5 P Fessey (5) 12	
205	0506	MARINO STREET 2 (V,6) P Evans 3-8-11 J.F. Egan 4	
266	0000	BENT RANKAND 12 È Incise 3-8-9	
207	4150	ALUAZ 11 (CD.G.S) MESS G Kellency 6-8-6 S Sunders 5	
208	5320	THE BARNSLEY BELLE 10 J Eyes 3-8-5	
209		HENRY THE HAWK 35 (B.D.S) M Dods 5-8-4 A Clark 8	
210	0000	KATY-O 67 (8,6) P Cather 3-8-1	
211	6000	MARSARETROSE ANNA 28 B Baroth 4-8-1 form Wands (1) 9	
212		RAGAZZO 37 (8,6) J Walenight 6-7-13 L. Chernock 15	
213	9608	TIME TO FLY 37 B Merray 3-7-11 T Williams 11	
214	0-00	HAVANA MISS 42 (D,S) B Pating 4-7-11	
215	G/TI	ANAXAGORAS 47 (S) S Goldags 6-7-10 J Comm 10:	
216	0600	MESS ARAGON 7 (D.F.G) MESS L SUBSIDE 8-7-10 N Cardista 14	
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301		GOLD BLADE 47 (C.F.G) J Pearce 7-11-7 Mrs L Pearce 1
302	0354	STALLED 14 P Wahryn 6-10-10 Marchioness Blandford (5)
363	04-0	KADIRI 14 (G) J Bosley 5-10-10 Mrs S Bosley 1
301	8000	CLACUE 16 (B.C.G) D Chapman 4-10-9 Mess R Clark
305	0153	GREEK NOBELT OUT 101 (CO.S) J Epos 5-10-2 Mrs. C Visitions (5) 1
306	5450	WITNEY-DE-BERGERAC 16 (5) J Moore 4-9-12 Mrs 5 Moore (5)
307		SHAPP COMMAND 14 P Extles 3-9-8 Miss E J Jones (5)
308	4000	GOLDEN HADEER 24 (S) 44 Ryan 5-9-6 S Lavallin (5)
309	5-05	MILDLARK 297 (V) J Horton 49-4 J M Brown (S)
310	6050	MR MORSARTY 14 (C,G) S Bosoring 5-9-4 Mrs M Morres (5)
311	4152	ONEFOURSEVEN 14 (F) J Eyra 3-9-3 Mess Diagra Joses
312	6265	RECORD LOVER S.J. (C.G.) M. Crapman 6-9-3 V Laterain (5) 1
313	400-	KALAKATE 4161 (G) J Bridger (1-9-0
314	0000	JEAN DE RORETTE 193 (6) R Spicer 5-9-0 S Reitherford (5)
315	AD6-	DORMSTON BOYO 148J T Well 6-9-0 D Roberts (5)
7-2 Ga	dd Riberi	9-2 Statler 7-1 Staro Controval 8-1 Onelourseven, 10-1 other

2.15 MIDWAY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

	STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,381: 1m) (9)
ı	401 00 DLBASTON GOLD 20 P Bests 9-0 N Cartes
i	402 0000 MEPISH 14 T Ethernopton 9-0 M Tabbu
ı	403 0 MACARI 26 B Baugh 9-0
I	404 DO PUPIL MASTER 27 Denys Smith 9-0 L Charnox
ł	405 (2) RHAPSODY IN WHITE 27 M. Jarret 9-0 P Bloomile
i	406 O RYLES DANCER 11 J Scargel 9-0., J Fancin
ı	407 46 WESLEY'S LAD 13 J Next84 9-0 A Cla
ı	408 533 80NME LASSE 17 C Thombo 8-9 D McKeen
ı	409 06 ZIGGY'S VIOLA 17 Mrs M Readay 8-9 A Cultur
ı	7.4 Shanendy in White 5.2 Rouna Lassie, 5-1 Zinny's Viola, 8-1 other:

COURSE SPECIALISTS

PLIANTION: Trainers: J Neville. 4 winners from 7 tunners, 57.1%. Lady Heries, 7 from 15, 46.7%. C Egerlan, 11 from 36, 42.3%. Jackeys: D Bridgheier, 16 winners from 35 ndes, 45.7%; A P McCoy. 12 from 40, 30.0%; A Meguire, 43 from 158, 27.2%.

SOUTHWELL Trainers: bi Janés, 8 winners from 26 monets, 30.9%; lets: bi Reneley, 21 from 81, 25.9%; R Alednassi, 6 from 24, 25.0%; Justayes: J Weater, 67 winners from 249 rides, 18.9%; D Biggs, 32 from 178, 17.9%; Econo o'Gentran, 31 from 186, 16.7%

25.9 18.8 17.9 17.0 16.3

2.35 Jolly tanners at staplefield handicap chase (53,662: 2m 5f) (8)

4-1 Desert Zone, 6-1 Corniche Quest, 8-1 Fistor, ya Martisha, 10-1 Domino Ryer, Zahran, 12-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwell: 1 15 Henry The Hawl. 1.45 Mudlark. 2.45 Jernima Puddieduck, Ranelle

PLUMPTON 1,35 LADY PETA (nap), 2,05 Twice The Groom, 2,35 Zambezi Sirit, 3,05 Gloriana, 3,35 Uncle Bert, 4,05 The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 ZAMBEZI SPIRIT. 5-2 Zazaben Soimi, 3-1 Andreiol, 7-2 Boau Babulard, 5-1 Beatson, 7-1 others.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN HOME STRAIGHT) SIS 3.05 CUCKFIELD NOVICES HURDLE 1.35 STANMER MADDEN HURDLE (£2,574, 2m 1l) (11)

22,374, 210 11) (11)

1 -314 ATH CHEANMAITHE 11 (B.D.BFI J Merrite 4-11-5 D Bridgester 98

2 -09-3 BLURRED BMASE 13 J Product 5-10-12 T J Morphy 70

3 -090- BOLD CHARLE 219 S Medor 4-10-12 N Maren
4 RESIST THE RORCE 1150F J GGRouf 6-10-12 P Hold
5 -06-3 SABLEP 25 R Hodges 4-10-12 T Descombe (3) 87

SPITHRE BRIDGE 142F 6 McCourt 4-10-12 A Magnire 91

7 P-2 TOMAN 25 R logram 4-10-12 N HA Rizgerald
6 GLORIANA 23F Lady Hernes 4-10-7 HA Rizgerald
9 W HO TO PANC 594 A Byer's 6-10-7 R Johnson
10 G-36 SHET AGAIN 8 (8) 0 Sherwood 4-10-7 J Deborne 59

11 ZACARDON 13F J Flatch-Heyes 5-10-7 R B Festion
12 Electron - 3 Feet I has Force 5-1 Stell Levin 6-1 Softwee Prints 7-1 Afri (\$2,157: 2m 4f) (9 runners) 3-1 Sloriana, 9-2 Recycl The Force, 5-1 Shift Agein, 6-1 Spiritle Bridge, 7-1 Ath Cheminadhe, 8-1 Tomal, 10-1 Saden, 12-1 dillers.

2.05 BALCOMBE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,859: 2m 1) (7) 3.35 CHAILEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2.900- 2m) (4) 1 -F25 TWICE THE GROOM 16 (B.S) R Les 6-12-0 ... M Grittats (5) 90
2 345- RACHAEL'S OMEN 262 (F.S) C Weston F-11-13 ... G Hogan 91
3 0-04 MINISTER'S MADAM 21 (V.CD.S) J Novine 5-11-9 ... D Fore 93
4 0:3 ALOSARI 10 (CD.F.S) J Labinus 9-11-6 ... D Fore 95
5 APP RO MATCH 11 (F) R Hodges 11-10-3 ... J Harris (5) 9
6 AO- BRESS, 33F K Burle 7-10-0 ... M Brown (7) ...
7 0060 ASAMST THE CLOCK 19 (6) C Pophan 4-10-0 . TO Commor (7) 93 1 21-5 JAMES THE FIRST 21 (D.BF.F.S) 2 Nichols 5-12-0 A P McDay (9) 2 34-5 UNICLE BERT 23 (D.F.C.S) 6 McDay 16-10-7 D Fort (3) 98 3 BT CDD.TEEN HERO 18 (D.F.) R Alex 6-10-0 W McSattard 90 4 0-34 JAMES JAMES (7.5) 8 Describe (7) 82

5-4 Coolings Hero, 2-1 Unicle Bert, 9-4 James The First, 33-1 Johan Jack 6-4 Racksel's Owen, 3-1 Massier's Mactato, Alossille, Tolice The Groom, 9-1 others 4.05 PLUMPTON AUTUMN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,084 2m 4f) (8) 2.C., UO4 23T1 41) (O)

1 03P- COUNTRY STORE 205 (S) A Jones 7-11-11 S Curran (S)

2 41P- DARNIG KING 217 (F, S) N Bolton 6-11-8 P Hide 94

3 32.P TUPANGA 21 J Bernett 4-11-5 L Harvey 93

4 04P- SOLEL DANCER 228 (S) D Gressil 8-10-13 B Ferron 92

5 72 FAMLEY RYER 13 (CD) F, S) W Tenter 7-10-11 R December 95

6 45-P SOLDMAN SYRNES 10 (B, F) Nev V Vent 6-10-8 J Karanogn 85

7 43-6 MR FLUTTS 12 (D, F) Tock 10-10-7 L J Karanogn 85

8 128- TITAM BMPRESS 210 (V,CD, E, S) S MeRor 7-10-2 R March 9
8 128- TITAM BMPRESS 210 (V,CD, E, S) S MeRor 7-10-2 R March 9-

2-1 Family Plyer, 7-2 Country Store, Tran Empiress, 6-1 fth Flutts, 7-1 others.

European challenge disturbs domestic harmony

s it really just three years since Vintage Crop and Down Under for the Melbourne Cup and found themselves treated like curiosities? The first horses to make the journey from the northern hemisphere for Australia's best-known race were initially considered 100-1 no-hopers who would add international spice to the cup but had no chance of taking it back.

Amid the welter of parties that makes the Cheltenham Festival resemble an annual gathering of the Temperance Society, one early remark about those pioneers struck home. "Good on yer mate for making the effort. Very sporting, but it's a long way to come last." How times have

The build up to tomorrow's renewal has been dominated by three European challeng-ers, spearheaded by Oscar Schindler, Kevin Prendergast and Ollie Lehane have commanded more column inches than Diana, Princess of Wales, who visited Sydney for a charity gala last Thursday. And the impact made by the invaders is not confined to

newspapers, television and radio stations. It is significant that most of the fancied domestic runners for tomorrow's cup did not run in the Mackinnon Stakes on Saturday, which was considered de rigueur three years ago - and given as one of the reasons why Drum Taps and Vintage Crop held no chance. Even

RICHARD **EVANS**



Racing Commentary

Bart Cummings, whose nine previous cup winners all raced on Victoria Derby Day, 72 hours before the cup. decided against another spin for Saintly, winner of the Cox Plate at Moonee Valley ten days ago.

However, the fascination with the long-distance raiders is two edged. The horses are also considered a threat in this love-hate relationship, noone wants the Poms to win. with the possible exception of the Victoria Racing Club's Les Benton and David Bourke, who have been at the forefront of making the cup "the stay-ers' championship of the

Indeed, if Oscar Schindler wins — and he must rate, theoretically, as a handicap certainty — or victory goes to either of the British-trained horses, the hue and cry which will follow is easy to predict. There will be a call to introduce penalties for foreign horses who win group races after the cup weights have been published.

How, the critics will demand, can you allow the winner of a classic race such as the Irish St Leger or, perhaps one day, even the Arc, to go unpenalised when the winner of the Caulfield Cup. a leading cup trial, or any other handicap is liable to a penalty? The answer is simple, of course. The winners of Australian weight-for-age races and set weight races also escape penalties.

More importantly, the involvement of horses such as Vintage Crop and Oscar Schindler has boosted the profile of a race which even the locals admit was fraying around the edges. Making the Melbourne Cup an international race has worked and contributed last year to the city's spring racing carnival making the most significant economic impact of any event in Australia. If the British or Irish succeed once in a while, that is a small price to pay.



THUNDERER	2.25 BARBOUR BURGHLEY MOVICES HURDLE (\$2,274: 2m 4f) (9 numbers) 1 00530-1 SHANAVOSH 9 (0,5) (5 Statum) 6 Moore 5-11-5
1.25 The Boozing Brief 2.55 Alf's Alibi 1.55 Trickle Lad 3.25 Tom Brodie 2.25 Hotspur Street 3.55 Aubum Boy	5 CSY LINE JACKSER 18F (Mas C Carr) M Hammond 5-10-12 R Garrilly - 6 POS-683 LEAP 91 THE DARK 52 (Mrs D Morris) Mass L Stobes 7-10-12 A Thomson 8- 7 OY MORRE MCMARCH 1087 (6 Base) H Johnson 7-10-12 N Williamson 8- 8 STAN'S YOUR MAN (Mrs J Goodistion) Mrs J Haddenson 8- 9 THEOL BLUES 68F (Miss B Spitted) W Shorey 8-10-7 M Matchiney -
2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	BETTRIC: 6-4 Sharawagh, 7-2 Hotspur Street, 9-2 Joe Jagger, 8-1 Castle Red, 10-1 Notice Monasch, 16-1 offices. 1995: MCMREY WENCH 4-10-9 B Storay (8-13 by) Mas J Boaddadow 5 ran FORM FOCUS
101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF.F.G.S) (bits O Robesson B Hall 17-0	SHAMAWOGH best Ela Mats Si in novice burdle at in makies hundle at Musselborgh (2m, pool). LEAP Carleste (2m 494), good). CASTLE RED 71 4th to in THE DARK 6941 3rd to Wojtesframbles in storice Massier Standy in powior hundle at Wetresty (2m type). August 1 Mary
outing F of Bat. (8 — blinkers V — resp. H — bood E — Eyesheld, C — cooms wager, 9 — distance within CD — coorse and distance Private Handicappe's rating	2.55 BARBOUR DURHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£3,501: 3m) (7 tunners)
GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS 1.25 BARBOUR NORTHUMBRIA JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE	1 /111PF HSSF PADRS 220 (CD.F.G.S) (J. Mardoch) J Fitogerald 15-12-0 F Leaby (3) 90 2 1/F400-5 GREENHUL RAFFLES 9 (F.G.S) (P. Russell) Miss L Rassell 10-11-11 A Thomson 93 3 21ULS-P CEUDH BOY 151 (CD.F.G.S) Mrs J Goodindow 10-11-6
(3-Y-O: \$2,274: 2m) (6 numers) 1 DOUBLE DASH 24 (6) (Shared Partners) D Meltan 11-5. 0 LUCAY BEA 125 (See Health) M W Extremy 10-12. P Median (3) 97	BETTING: 6-4 AR's Albi, 4-1 Strong Decl, 5-1 High Parter, Aly Delay, 7-1 Gale Alexad, 14-1 others. 1995: ND CORRESPONDING RACE
2 CLUCAT BEA 125 (See Health) M W Extendy 10-12 Pastops (5) 9 ARCHY 10-12 RATTLE 10EF (takes 6 Josephn) J J O'Real 10-12 RATTLE 10EF (takes 6 Josephn) J J O'Real 10-12 RESERVENT GLEST 23 (March 10-12 RESERVENT D) Parker 10-12	FORM FOCUS
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DOUBLE DASH beat Ref Frem 31 or 4-mans non- use hardle at Carleste (2m 11. frem) LUCKY BEA 340 9th of 19 in Lagan in streets bordle at Westerby (2m, good to from) RATTIE 25% 58 of 3 to Maintain or conditions nace at Mattershough (1m 31, good to farm) on the RATTIE 15% 58 of 3 to Maintain or conditions nace at Mattershough (1m 31, good to farm) on the Selection: SLENT GUEST	3.25 RARBOUR BILLY BOW HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,752: 2m) (5 runners) 1. 38112-5 DONE WELL 19 (CD.F.S) (A Mahaller) P Martelé 4-12-0

Pat Estery
T Quizo
K Fallon
J Vicenus
L Declary
J Rand
J Contrace
J Footone
M Hills
S Sanders
w Rage

Received number. So-Signer from (F – led. P – winner. BF – boston favourite in latest caca). Particular to U – unstated rider. B – brought down S – stopped op R – refered D – form, hard. G – good. S – soft, bood to despositively. Herse's name. Days since last to brackets. Taken. Age and	SHAMAYOGH heat En Mate SI in notice burdle at Large Bridge Care 144, good, CASTLE RED 77 45s to Master Sandy in powice hersite at Westerby (27s) burdle at Westerby (27s) selection: SHAMAYOGH (trap)
despecified Hora's come. 1995 since lists outloop: F if that (8 — blinkers V — reso. A — bond E — Eyeshwid. C — cooms water. 9 — distance wenter. CD — coorse and distance. Provide Handicappin's rating.	2.55 BARBOUR DUPHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£3,501: 3m) (7 numbers)
GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS	1 //11/F. HSSP PADRE 220 (CD,F,G,S) (// Marricch) / Fitzperald 19-12-0 F Leahy (2) 90 2 1/F400-5 GREENWILL RAFFLES 9 (F,G,S) (P Russell) Miss L Rassell 10-11-11 A Thornton 3 21/LUS-P CELLOH BOY 157 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Goodinious 10-11-6
1.25 BARBOUR NORTHUMBRIA JUVENIE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: \$2,274.2m) (6 numers)	BETTING: 6-4 All's Allbi, 4-1 Strong Dect, 5-7 High Padre, Aly Daley, 7-1 Gain Alexad, 14-1 others.
1 1 SUCRET CAR 12 (Dec Health) M W Existing 10-12 P Andgley (S) 97 2 PATTE 108F (Mes Health) M W Existing 10-12 P A Route 3 PATTE 108F (Mes P Misson) J J O'Read 10-12 R Gardity (B) 3 CHEART CHEST 23 (Mes P Wisson) M Hommond 10-12 R Gardity (B)	1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM: FOCUS
1 DOUBLE DASH 24 (F) (Shured Parenes) D Mellati 11-5. D-J Motinsi 98 1 DOUBLE DASH 24 (F) (Shured Parenes) D Mellati 11-5. D-J Motinsi 98 2 D LLICKY BEA 127 (Bee Health) M W Except 10-12 P Midgley (S) 97 3 RATTLE 108F (Miss 5 Josephn) J J O'Rell 10-12 R A Brobin 4 4 2 SLEPHT GERS 12 SINE P Wissed IN Vernmond 10-12 R Sacrity 5 5 THE BOOZNIG BREF 36F (6 Green) C Parley 10-12 D Parter — DUNITALISM (D Curl J Jefferson 76-7 R Genes) R Genes 1 P Genes 1 P R Genes	CELENT BOY 241 3rd of 5 to Astings in Immission chase at Perfit (Sm., soll) on perceivante start. STROME DEEL test effort last teem 1441 2nd of 8 Command in Immission chase at Codeste (Sm. good). ALY DALEY test Choisty 2541 in 14- runner sortes transferance at Herham (2m 41 1994) coord in solf). ALYS ALERI 44 2nd of 1 110x4, solf).
FORM FOCUS	Clour 44 118/ed, good to solf). ALTS ALTSI 41 2nd of 110/ed. solf). 4 to Fraction Ten to bandicup chees at Banger (Sm. Selection: ALTS ALTSI
DOUBLE DASH beal Ref From 31 or 4-mones envice lungue at Content (2m, 1 form) LUCKY BEA 341 Sen of 19 to Lugar in onesse burdle at Westerby The BOUZINES BEAF short-hand 2nd of 11 To Bullersneck July in purchase at Humilion (1m 4).	3.25 BARBOUR BULLY BOW HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,752: 2m) (5 numbers)
(An. Good to term) RATTLE 2595 5th of 8 to Matheter in conditions RATTLE 2595 5th of 8 to Matheter in conditions RECENT GUEST RECENT GUEST RECENT GUEST	1 38112-5 DONE WELL 19 (CD.F.G) (A Mahvillet P Montaith 4-12-0 A Dobbin 82 14441-1 TOM BRODE 16 (CD.F.G.) (As W Brift H Johnson 5-11-11 IN Williamson 5-3 4/13133- CRICE MORE FOR LUCK 67 (D.F.G.) (A Revoley Recold) Mars M Brosley 5-11-9 P Meets 83 4 5-01242 BURES 29 (D.F.G.) (1 Heavill) Mas J Brown 5-11-5 B Gratian (7) 95 5 01232-6 Schimming EDEE 19 (D.F.G.) (6 Graham) T Extently 4-11-6 L Wyer (8)
1.55 BARBOUR BEDALE NOVICES CHASE (52,918: 3m) (7 runners) 1.002 BARBOURS 22 G.S. (7 Pressell Mars 1 Russell 7-10-12 A Thomass (8) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1	BETTRING: 7-4 Torn Brodie, 8-4 Corps More For Luck, 9-2 Done Well, 5-1 Shining Edge, 7-1 Buses. 1986: ASTRIALEON 7-11-8 B Storry (7-2) FI Alban 4 san
7 GP/7- PRISONERT 9 (6) LI Religion) 6 Marie 6-10-12 A person so	FORM FOCUS
3 071423-4 BOLD ACCURNT 9 (6) It receives to the base 5-10-12 N Williamson 4 (Appropriate Section 177 (6) Beach H Jahrson 5-10-12 N Williamson 5-12-12 N P Missray 83 325-246 CHOMALL CROSSETT 3 fales K Wilderbrank F Cales 11-10-12 N P Missray 83 5-25-246 CHOMALL CROSSETT 3 fales K Wilderbrank F Cales 11-10-12 N Garde 33 6 CF5P05- 578086541086 16: U Supplemental P Cheestrough 6-10-12 N Garde 33 6 CF5P05- 578086541086 16: U Supplemental P Cheestrough 7-10-12 K Garde 33 6 CF5P050 A 5 Total 2-12 Bold Account 5-1 Bacterios, 10-1 Browning Duter, 12-1 Selectrous, 14-1 BEFTONIC A 5 Total 2-22 F. Sald Account 5-1 Bacterios, 10-1 Browning Duter, 12-1 Selectrous, 14-1	TOM BROOK heat Nosios 1½ in 5-more kandi- cep bardle at Kelso (2m 110yd, firm) cop kardle at Kelso (2m 110yd, firm). SHIPPING CHCE MORE FOR LUCK 294 3nd of 11 to Roll du Nord in transferap bardle at Fridanders (2m, good to firm). BLIFES 8 2 2nd of 6 to Pricestopher in house Selections BURES
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FORM FOCUS	3,55 W K BACKHOUSE AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (52,801: 2m 110yd) (5 ninges)
BARDARDS nech and 20:1 3rd of E to Scraice View - moving chairs at Hestoric Sim 11, good to Simple - moving chairs at Hestoric Sim 11, good to Simple - moving chairs at Hestoric Sim 11, good to Simple - moving chairs at Hestoric Sim 11, good to Simple - moving chairs at Hestoric Sim 11, good to Simple - moving chairs at Parth (Jan., good to Simple - moving chairs at Parth (Jan., good to Simple - moving chairs at Parth (Jan., good) - moving chair	1 4/12/1/ VICARIDEE S41 (C.F.G) (R Branis) R Brows 9-11-10
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	FORM FOCUS
INCKEVS	ALBEURAN BOY best Alan Ball 11 in 11-numer in emailer inders' honder classe at Leicester (2m 11, bandicap bundle at Straiburd (2m 140yd, good). good to soft). THUNDERSTRUCK 11et 2nd of 5 to BLAZING DANNE best (3h Die neck in 5-numer Consistent in bandicap classe at Sedgelield (2m
TRAINERS Indian Local Lo	handicap at Sudgefield (3ss 3), good to first). 116yd, good to first). NCHANGATTY MAN 481 5th of 12 to Hadbarn Torn Selection: AUBURN BOY
10 50 56 1 1650 Par Ballony 107 116 123 7 85.77	COURSE SPECIALISTS
H Chest 112 63 2 388.73 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	TRAINERS Wins Rors 7. JOCKEYS Womes Rides % J. J

ATHLETICS Road running

NEW YORK MARATHON (36.2 miles), Merc 1 G Leone (II) 2rr 9min 54sec. 2, T Tomo (Em) 2.10.09. 3 J Kamau (Kan) 2.10.40. 4 J Kangue Iherr 2.10.59. 5 A Esproca (Merc) 2.11.39. 5 C Noter (Kan) 2.11.53 (T.M.F.C.)50/2.12.31. 3 L Barraghi (II) C.124.2.9. S Nyangeotra (Note 2.12.44.10, W Notech Ilveni 2.12.57. MASTERDAM MARATHON (42km)* Ment 1, J Chobel (kan) 2h; 10mn 57sec 2, A Sonsno (Spt 21220 3 J Pointern Poi 2121* Vomen: 1 NiBria (Russt 234 35; 2 M Emstdom (kor) 239 35; 3, J Malska Rep. 23139

Cross Country

Cross Courtry
BRENTWOOD: Essen League: Men (5 mies) 1, R Denmail. (Basedon) 28min 21set; 2 P Ban (Chaimstord) 29.28 3, G Lifywhite (Chremstord) 28.81 Teamer 1, Chetmistord 4-pis; 2 Haveting Mayesbrook 35, 3 Basikton 103 Women (25 mies) 1, N Barrier (Havering Mayesbrook) 17min 12set 2, S Bioger (Thurodd) 17 42, 3, C Perry (Bellenday Spides) 17 58 Frams: 1 thord 50pt; 2 Colchester & Tendring 60, 3, Havering Mayestrook 63

Fell running Fell rumning
COLNE Lancashtre: Black Lane Ends Fell
Race (5m 1000t) Ment 1, S Willis (Ron Hill
Racing Team) 30mm 56sec 2 M Homocks
(Calder Valley) 32 07 3, I Criew (Caytonle-Moors) 32 47, 4 G Scholield (Homoch,
M40) 32 59 5, A Whalley (Pudse, and
Brantley) 33 16 6, M Pickering (Bley, M40)
33 21 Over 45: S kirkbinde (kendal) 35,14
Over 50: B Bradtley (Hoelmitrit) 37 59 Over
60: J Escritt (Fellandale) 48:12 Over 70: J
Riely (Clayton-le-Moors) 77 04 5 Team; 1
Horwich 26, 2, Clayton-le-Moors 27
Women: 1 J Clark (Pudsey and Brantley,
44th) 39 51: 2, K. Staler (Reightley, Hill
Runners, W35) 41:03, 3 L Hayles (Halifax,
W40) 44:27

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Chicago 107 Boston 98 Detroit 95 Indiana 39 Miami 94 Atlanta 81; Cleveland 90 New Jersey: 77. Washington 96 Onlando 92; Millesulace 111 Philagelphia 103 Minnesota 82 San Antonio 78, New York 107 Toronto 99; Houston 96 Sacramento 85, Dallas 92 Demier 31; Utah 99 Seattle 91, LA Cisppers 97 Golden State 85, LA Lakers 96 Phoento 92; Portland 114 Vancouver 85 Saturday: Detroit 90 Atlanta 78, Charlotte 109 Toronto 98, Miami 97 Indiana 95, Cleveland 98 Washington 96 (OT): Chicago 115 Philadelphia 86 Sacramento 107 Dallas 94, Milwaukee 124 Boston 102, Houston 110 Procris 95 Seattle 104 Portland 93, Utah 95 LA Cisppers 90.

Process 95 Seattle 104 Portland 93, Ulah 95 LA Chopers 90 NATIONAL LEAGUE: Ment: First division: Mid Susses 82 Guidford 107 Notingham 75 Westminister 80; Oxford 69 Stockon 96 Second division: Bournemouth 54 Swindon 56, Chessandon 57 Tharnes Valley 70, Northampton 67 South Wales 88, Sough 59 Solihuli 84 Women: First division: Brimingham 56 Tharnes Valley 37, Heriston: 50 Costal Raiseo 58: Northampton 67 South Wales 88, Sough 59 Solihuli 84 Women: First division: Brimingham 56 Tharnes Valley 37, Heriston: 53 Costal Raiseo 58: Northampton

82 London 49 Nottingham 50 Barlung and Dagenham 61 Spetthame 54 Ipsanch 41. Second division: Doncaster 63 Tyre and Vivar 78. Liverpool 75 Solem 55; Manchester 71 Lacester 59 Plymouth 60 Chalmstord 62 SUDWEISER LEAGUE: London Towers 92

CLASSIC COLA CUP: Manchester 91 Crystal Palace 61. Coventry 56 Sheffield 65. Simmingham 91. Homel and Walford 84, Cardit 55 London Towers 95; Ware 70. Newtastic 102: Thamas Valley 80 Detty 79; Worthing 74 Lelicester 84

BOXING

TOKYO: International Boxing Association and World boxing Union heavyweight champsonship: George Foreman (US) of Heavyweight Torning Monson (US) of Heavyweight Torning Monson (US) bit Marcus Rhode (US) the 1et PARTENIARCHEN, Germany: European heavyweight championship: Zeliko Mavo-vic (Cro holder) bi Clifton Michael (Detby) rst 2nd Hawyweight Pele Red (Sheffield) bt Rtd. Sulfivan (US) ko 2nd PUKUOKA Japan: World Boxing Council featherweight championship: Lussio Espinosa (Phil, holder) bit Noburochi Hiraneka (Japan) ko 8th INDRO, California: International Booking Federation super-Eyweight champ-lonatyp: Danny Romero (U.S. holder) bt Hipotop Saubedo (U.S) rsc 12th

CRICKET

Tour match New South Wales XI

y England A TAMWORTH (final day of four). New South Wales XI beat England A by nine wickels ENGLAND A: First Immgs 155 (O A Shah 76 S C MacGill 4 for 43)

Second Inning M A Butcher of Heywood b MacGall A McGrath (two b Thompson J E R Galtien of McDure b Altey O A Shah o Clark b MacGall "A J Hollboake nin but C White b Freedman P M Such b MacGall P M Such b MacGall

FALL OF WICKETS 1-62, 2-85, 3-102, 4-109, 5-122, 6-145, 7-148, 8-193, 9-198. BOWLING, Alley 8-4-14-1, MacGill 39 1-12-84-5: Clark 8-2-28-0, Thompson 17-4-47-1, Freedman 28-16-36-2 NEW SOUTH WALES XI: First Immoss NEW SOUTH WALES ACTIFIST that
J L Ambroger or Headley b Gles ...
A D McQuite run out ...
"M T Haywood o Hegg b Gles
P Marabouts b Gles
G C Rummans o Butcher b Gles 17 17 5 .0

DTZ MIDLAND LEAGUE. Premier di-vision: Biossomised 1 Nasisa 4. Hampton-n-Arden 3 Covernty and North Warwickstere 3 Harborne 3 Blonwich 3: Nottergham 8 North Northophamshue 1. Olton and West Warwickster 0

Loughborough Studenis 4. NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division:

MORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding 1 Formby 1. Hanogate 2. Norton 4: Neston 3 Sheffield Bankers 1; Barrhama 2 Southport 1; Springfields 2 Timperfev 3 Swatwel 2 Chester's ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Pramier division A: Beshop's Stortford 2 Cambridge City 5, Colchester 1 Chelmstord 6: Ipswich 8 Sudbury 0: Peterborough Town 3 Cambridge University 2, Redbridge and Bord 1 Divertain 0 Premier division B: Bedlord Town 3 Huntingdon 2: Bury St Edmunds 0 Romford 1, Claston 6 Norwerl City 1, Old Southerdan 1 Luton Town 3 Postponed: Ipswich and E Suttolk vivestoffic.

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WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Doncaster 8 Hightown 2 Ipsynch 2 Leacester 0, Sutton 1 Skough & Trojans 0 Carton 5, First division: Bracknell 1 Bradtord 0; Cheinsland 1 Olton 4, S Bedans 0 Canestuny 3, Wintstedon 1 Stueharts 0 Second division: Earnouth 2, Loughborough Students 3; Clid Loughtonians 4 Shenwood 3, St Albans 1 Woking 1

tC A Glassock tow b Giles
S A) Thompson c Headley b Meadley
D A Freedman c Headley b White
P J Alley c Shah b White
S C MacGill not out
S Clark c Gilos b Hollicaks Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 8) FALL OF WICHETS: 1-28, 2-40, 3-40, 4-47, 5-102, 6-243, 7-273, 8-277, 9-277

BOMLING Haadley 26-5-69-1. Chapple 12-4-25-0. Giles 38-12-110-5. Such 25-4-80-0. White 12-2-29-2 Hollington 2-4-0-12-1. Second innings A D McQuire low b Headley ...

Exores(1b2) . . Total (1 wit) ... FALL OF WICKET 1-10 BOWLING. Headley 5-0-17-1, Chappie 4-1-6-0, Giles 4 1-0-12-0; Hollioske 4-1-6-0 Umpres, S Tausel and I Emerson Third one-day

international match Pakistan v Zimbabwe PESHAWAR (Palusian won toss). Palus beal Zimbabwe by 77 runs PAKISTAN

PARISTAN
Shahid Alndi c J A Rennie
b Matambanadzo
Zahoor Elani c Houghton
b Matambanadzo
ljaz Ahmed c G W Flower
h Matambanadzo Hassan Raza c G J Rennik Hassar Raza c G J Henrille
b Matermbanedzo
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Azam Khan c P A Strang b J A Rennie
'Wasm Akram nin out
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Mon Khan c P A Strang b J A Rennie
34
Salim Malik c A Rower b G J Whitteli
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Saqiam Mushisaq nin out
15
Sahah Nazir not out
15
Abdul Razzak not out
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Extras (lb 4, w 12, nb 3) Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-18, 3-43, 4-194, 5-199, 6-231, 7-251, 8-256, 9-263 BCMUNG: Metambanadzo 8-0-32-4, J A Renne 8-0-37-2, G J Whitzai 8-0-64-1; A R Whitzail 8-0-62-0; P A Strang 4-0-33-0. Dekker 4-0-32-0

ZIMBABWE Extras (fb 5, w 6, nb 4) 147 Total (32.1 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-95, 3-110, 4-118, 5-119, 6-143, 7-143, 8-143, 9-147

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 4-0-20-0; Shehid Nazir 6-0-16-0; Abdul Ruzzak 5-0-24-1; Seglan Mushtaq 6.1-0-28-4, Shehid Ahdi 7-0-25-2; Salim Malik 4-0-29-1 Palestan win series 3-0 Umpues Shakoor Rana (Pakastan) and Javed Akintar (Pekastan). Titan Cup Australia v India

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Extras (lb 7, w 2, nb 4)

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Total (6 whits, 50 overs) S Joshi, A kumble and B K V Pratad did not FALL OF WICKETS, 1-64, 2-75, 3-95, 4-205, 5-217, 6-253 9-0-38-2; Law 10-0-65-2: Hogg 2-0-12-0

J N Galespie b Kumble 2 G D McGrath not out Ferras (No 6, se 4, mb 2)

Total (49.1 overs) FALL OF WICKETS, 1-84, 2-84, 3-151, 4-155, 5-241, 6-248, 7-250, 8-265, 9-273 BOWLING Srinath 10-0-62-1; Presad 10-0-68-1; Kumble 10-0-42-3; Singh 7-0-45-2; Joshi 10-0-50-1; Jadeje 2-0-11-0; Tendulkar 0 1-0-0-0 Umpres: S.K. Sharma (India) and A.V. Jayaprakash (India).

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□ Final between South Ainca and India on November 6 (in Bombay). November 6 (in Bombey).

SUPERSPORT SERIES (third day of four)
Cape Town: Western Province 220 (J. B.
Commins 81 not out, H.D. Acterman 51; 8 E.
Bryson 4-61) and 342-6 (S. G. Koeng 97, D.L.
Haynes 71): Northern Transveal 355 (R. F.
Prenzar 95, P. B. Richardson 56): Durbant:
Natal 332 (D. M. Berkenstein 129 not out, M.
L. Bruyns 73, S. M. Pollock, 66, V. C. Drakes
8-59) and 257 (Pollock 77, D. J. Wasson 75);
Border 205 and 70-1. Paart. Boland 258
(L.D. Ferreira 127; CV. English 5-65) and 250
(K. C. Jackson 70, A. P. Kulper 63).
Grigualand West 250 (P. H. Barnard 64) CYCLING

CYCLO CROSS: British Association international (Eastway, London, 20m): 1. P Wilemsens (Bel) 35mm 13sec. 2. D Villemsens (Bel) at 24sec; 3. P Tnebel (Dux): 130. Kannowey RC (Glerrothes, File, 12 Miles): 1. A Winght (Iriak USA): 1m 04mm 41 sec. 2. D Whitehead (Volvo-Cannondale): at 24sec; 3. J McBarn (Kanmon): at 25s Derwantaide CC (Conseil, Co Ourham, 11 miles): 1. V Potier (Bradierd Olympo RC): 58mm 30sec. 2. 5 Ward (VC Azzum): at 45sec. 3. A Navor (Nastle): at 135. Long Eaton CC (Notis and Derloys Laugue, Trant Meactows Park, 11 miles): 1. D Barnett (Ace. 87): 50mm 57sec; 2. J Taylor (Gentrempiriti): at 26sec. 3. D Alexander (Clamiconshitt): at 26sec. 3. D Alexander (Clamiconshitt): at 26sec. 2 oddiac CRC (Rubby Sports Centre, Merseyside, 10 miles): 1. B Green (Oldham Century RC): 58min 56sec. 3. S Green (Oldham Century RC): 58min 56sec. 3. S Green (Oldham Cuntury RC): at 151. Alford Wheelens (Cladby Park, Luncolnshire, 12 miles): 1. S Barnon (VC Lincoln): 3. D Elming (VC Lincoln): at 30sec. 3. D Elmore (VC Lincoln): at 3

FOR THE RECORD

HILL-CLIMB: Essex and Suffelk Border Combine (Senst Hill, near Stowmarket, 500m) 1, J Lee (CC Breddend) 48 Rest. toourse record), 2, P Wyatt-Grange (Haver-hill Wheelers) 51 6 Teams Stowmarket and District CC 2 51 7

EQUESTRIANISM

AMSTERDAM: international Show: Heline-hen Prize: 1, Jewel's Emeraid (P Raymaters, Holf), 0 in 27 84; 2. Trudo Kibaura (L. Philippaerts, Bel), 0 in 33 30; 3. Goldertradge (W-1) van der Scharns, Holf), 0 in 32, 19. Volvo World Cup qualifier: Jumphing: 1, Global (W-1) van der Scharns, Holf) 0 in 33,06; 2. Prismos (L. Beertraum, Ger) 0 in 33,06; 3. Airborne Monteodio (Pr.V.) Bost, Fri 0 in 33,04; 3. Airborne Monteodio (Pr.V.) Bost, Fri 0 in 33,04; 3. Airborne Monteodio (Pr.V.) Bost, Fri 0 in 33,04; 11 ing Bank Grend Prize: 1, Bardhus (J. Lanstrik, Holf) 0 in 35,74; 3. Rochet M. (A Ladermain, Fr) 0 in 35,64; 3. Rochet M. (A

GOLF

HONG KONG: Alfred Dunhill Masters: Leading final scores: 267: B Larger (Ger) 68. 67: 69. 65. 298: Kang Wook-soon (Kor) 64. 70. 69. 66. 270: S Laycook (Aus) 65. 67. 70. 271: B Ruanglai (Thai) 67. 67. 67. 70. 273: S Lasney (Aus) 70. 64. 68. 71. 274: E Hai (SA) 71. 69. 68. S Taylor (US) 67. 69. 69. 70. 275: G Chalmars (Aus) 70. 68. 71. 68. R Kaplen (SA) 72. 65. 68. 5 Taylor (US) 67. 168. T Kaplen (SA) 72. 65. 67. 11 Hyushu (Tarwan) 67. 66. 68. 71. 278: D Boulet (H4) 71. 16. 71. 67. 67. C Kamps (SA) 71. 65. 71. 69. C Gray (Aus) 71. 68. 66. 71: J Cooper (Aus) 69. 67. 68. 71. 7. Other scores: 280: S Ballesteros (Sa) 71, 70. 66. 73. 283: C Montgomeria (GE) 69. 69. 69. 73.

BRASELTON, Georgia: Serazen World Open: Leaders after three rounds (US unless stated): 202: Shoch 69. 68, 70. 208: F Nobilo (NZ) 68, 68, 72, 207: C Stader 68, 70. 208: P Seewart 69, 68, 71. 208: D Chopra (Swe) 69, 70. 70. 210: N Price (Zmi 68, 72, 70. D Lover 70. 67, 73. 211: T Berranger 65, 70, 76. 212: G Ments (GB) 69, 72, 71. M Calcavectria 70, 70, 72, 213; M Gronberg (Swe) 73, 69, 71: P J Cowen 71. 70, 72, 214: P Broadfurst (GB) 69, 73, 72. S Fiesch 73, 69, 73: C Walfarms (GB) 71, 77. 78. 215: M Donald 74, 73, 68. P Hammglon (left 70, 72, 73: A Cabrara (Angl 72, 70, 73: P McGinley (he) 71, 70, 73: 294. A Oldcom (GB) 73, 70: 73: M A Jimenez (Sp) 72, 70. 74. M McHosty (Zmi 68), 70. 77.

MILTON, Florida: Emerald Coest Seniors tournement: Leading second-round scores; 136: D Echenerger 66, 70; L Gabert 66, 70; 137; J Sigel 66, 71; D Stockton 65, 71; 138: R Thompson 67, 71; D Graham 72, 66: B Crampton 67, 71; 138: L Trevno 99, 70; M Hal 68, 71, G Marsh 66, 73, H Iwen 70, 69; V Fernandez 70, 69

73, H West 70, 58, V Personal 27, 0, 69
PNASHIJO, Japen: LPGA, Cueens Cup:
Leeding final scores: 212: M Huase
(Japen) 70, 70, 72 (winner in play-off): L
Daves (GB) 71, 73, 68, 213: H Knoayash
(Japan) 67, 74, 72, 214: B Whiseless (JUS)
70, 74, 70, 215: S Redman (JUS) 70, 74, 71,
M Wil (JUS) 69, 71, 75, 216: J Savile (Aus)
74, 74, 68, M Morra (JUS) 74, 72, 70: L
Neumann (Swe) 74, 71, 71 British scores:
221: C Pierce 77, 74, 70, 223: A Maithew
74, 75, 73, 229: P Whight 78, 74, 77
A MANIGA: Women's Spanish Direct

74, 76, 73, 229; P Wright 78, 74, 77

IA MANGA: Women's Spanish Open; Leading final scores (GB and life unless stated); 210; A Anuth (So) 74, 70, 86, 211; L FairCluoph 70, 74, 87, 214; Med Boer (Holl) 72, 70, 72, 216; A-C. Jonasson (Swel) 74, 74, 68, 1 Mocord (fit) 73, 72, 71; P Johnson 72, 71, 73, 217; R Camedo (Spi 73, 71, 73; 5 Moon (US) 72, 71, 75, 218; K Mauguer of Algue (Fr) 74, 74, 70; D Dowleng 72, 74, 72; L Newarro (Sp) 71, 74, 73; P Sterner (Swel) 70, 74, 74, 220; X Wunsch (Sp) 76, 72, 72; J Soutisby 70, 77, 73; S Mean (Swel) 71, 75, 4, S Gerotherg (Swel) 70, 76, 74; V van Ryckeghern (Bel) 70, 74, 76; B Pestana (Sk) 74, 89, 77.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Detroit 2 Ottawa 2 (OT): Washington 4 Philipungh 2. Chicago 3 Daties 2 (OT): Washington 4 Philipungh 2. Chicago 3 Daties 2 (OT): Washington 4 (OT): Anahem 4 San Jose 3. Saturday: New Jersey 2 Tampa Bay 1: NY Rangers 5 Soston 2: Los Angeles 3 Heritord 2: NY Islanders 6 Washington 1: Philadelphia 3 Florida 2. Philaburgh 7 Ottawa 3. Florida 2. Philaburgh 7 Ottawa 3. Florida 2. Colorado D Buffalo 0 (OT): San Jose 4 Montreal 3 (OT): Vencouver 4 Calgary 3.

Atlantic division

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LACROSSE SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY: Pre-mier division: Hutmeiers 4 Heaton Mersey 11. Temperley 9 Boardman and Eccles. 13. Stockport 14 Poynton 7: Cheade Hutme 12 Old Waconiers 12: Moorthorps 3 Cheade 13: Women's triangular lour-nerment England 12 Wales 7: England 11 Scotland 2. Scotland 9 Wales 5

MOTOR SPORT

DONINGTON PARK: Autosport RAC Tour-ist Trophy (80 kps. 155.59 miles): 1, A Menu (Switz, Renault Laguria): 11 4 43min 29.70sac (swerage speed 90.7mph): 2, K Burt (GB, Volvo (50)): at 3.11sec: 3, J Britistie (GB, Auck A4): at 11.25, 4, J Winleshock (Gar. BMW 320); at 22.75, 5, T Harvey (GB, Paugeot 400): at 26.04 NETBALL BIRMINGHAM: International metah: Ja-marca 48 England 34.

ROWING HENLEY SCULLS: Men: Open: P Thomas (Belliot) Tamin 39sc: Senior one: P Cobbett (Welton) 13.49 Senior live: N Monahan (Chy of Camondge) 13:57 Senior three: S Sacialr (London) 13:53. Novices My Jennings (Henley) 14:20. Junior: R Gaffairs (Welton) 14:31. Vetaren: S Harties (London) 13:55 Women: Open: N Onle (Tidevey Sculiera) 14:48. Senior one: C Dring (London University) 14:53. Senior three: T Hook (London University)

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PORC WATCH

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Dictiey Hir 16 Sactionarin 15: Hewarth 26 Leigh Minean Webser 37 First division: Sacrole Island 44 Backbrook 12 East Leads 16 Ministreen 21 Second division: Ecoles 6 Saction 21 Second division: Ecoles 6 Saction 10 Normanion 8 Rectal 46 Socialingh 12 Feather store Artister 14: York Acom 28 New Earswick 18

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: World Cup: Group A: Nav. Zealand bit lociand 5-4. Northam legand or Republic of Ireland 5-4. Northam legand bit Belgum 5-4. Group B: South Africa Mingapore 5-4. Group C: England bit Thailand 6-3. Palestan or United Arab Envirales 6-1. Palestan bit Christ. 7-2. Group D: Nortand bit Malaysis 6-3.

SQUASH

BLACKPOOL: Men's inter-county champ-forship: Premier group: Yorkship 5 Larcaship 0: Notinghamship 4 Cheship 1. Yorkship 5: Notinghamship 0: Lan-caship 4 Cheship 1, Yorkship 5 Cheship 0: Notinghamship 4 Larcaship 1 Yorkshire and Nottenghamshire quality for final play-ons MEN'S WORLD RANKINGS: 1. Jensher Khen (Pah): 2, R Eyles (Aus), 3 P Nicot (Scott: 4, C Weel er (Enc), 5, E Martin (Aus), 6, D Herris (Eng), 7, C Rosaland (Aus), 8 M Chaloner (Eng): 9 A Hit (Aus), 10 S Parke (Eng)

TENNIS

PARIS: Men's tournament: Cuarter-finals: Y Katerikov (Russ) by P Hazmus (Holl) 7-6. 6-1; T Enquer (Sue) bt S Ecture (Save) 6-4. 7-6. Semi-finals: Katerikov br P Korda (Cz. 3-6. 6-4. 6-2: Enquert bt M Gustatiskov (Swe) 6-3. Prinat: Enquest bt Kateriskov 6-2. 6-4. 7-5

CI-BCAGO: Women's tournement: Ouss-ber-finets: M Hings (Seetz) bt L Davenport (US) 6-3. 6-7. 6-2. M Seles (US) bt I Spries (Rom) 7-6, 6-2. Semi-finets: J Novotria (CS) bt Hings 7-5. 6-4. J Capital (US) bt Seles 6-3. 6-3

EDRIBURGH: LTA Women's challenger tournament: Semi-finetir: 0 Chladkova (Cz) bit 5 Sman (GB) 6-1, 6-3; E Zardo (Santz) bit M Manuska (Aus) 6-1, 6-3 Finet: Chladkova bit Zardo 7-6 6-0. REDBRIDGE: LTA Reebok Tour: Finals: Men: B Cowan (Lancishne) bt D Draper (Northamptonsine) 6-2, 6-2 Women: H Matthews, (Bertschie) bt K Warne-Holland (Cheshne) 6-4, 6-3

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barford Tigers 2 Havant 1 Guddford 5 Reading 3: Hounslaw 1 Camerbury 1, Old Loughtomans 3 East Grinstead 3, Surbion 2 Southoute 2, Teddington 3 Cannock 4 Carmock
O Loughtonians
Reading
Southgale
East Gimslead
Barlord Tigers
Guildford
Teddington
Carlierbury

Havant 8 0 0 6 7 25 0
HRIST DIVISION: Hull 1 Lewes 2 5 Isca 2
Orlord Hawks 0; Indian Gymkhana 2
Orlord University 1, Beeston 5 Sheffield 0;
Bourning 5 St Albans 2: Bromley 4
Stourport 2: Brooklands 1 Tropans 1; City of
Portsmouth 2 Warmgton 4; Crostys 2
Harleston Magpies 1 Opinicaster 8 Gloudester City 0; Edgibaston 2 Frebrands 4
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NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premuer League: Anchonans 2 High Wycombs 1

Beckerham 4 Bournemouin 1, Faceham 3

Tunbridge Wells 1 Gore Court 6 Ramgenss 5

Hampstead/Westminister 2 Winchester 2.

Madenhead 4 Wokingham 2, Old kingstomans 0 Winbledon 4: Old Whighlams 4 Woking 1: Richmond 4

Ashford 1, Spencer 2 Chichester 4

Hampsteadwessers Barnes 1 Andover 2.

Cambelley 4 Basingstoke 4 Ponsmouth 1

Standond 2 Goan 0 London (Inversety 0

Dulwich 1 Old Cranletighans 3, Purley 3 Old Mid Whighlams 3, Walkon and Waytonder 1

Coshort 10: Cheam 2 Oxad 2: Old Walcountians 5 Protessied 3 Epsom 11

Southampton 1 Middle/Berkes/Bucks and Oxon City of Oxford 5 Headington 0

Eastcole 9 Americham 0, Genraris Cross 2

Lievibury 0, Homow 0 Stanes 6: Hayes 1

Richings Park 1: Lions 3 PHC Chriswick 2

Marfow 2 Brachmed 3 Mid Hill 1 Farnham Common 4 Million Negres 7 OMT 0, West Hampstead 1 Sunbury 1 Kent/Susseec Ashbard 5 Eastbourne 6 Belvedere 2 Mid Sussex 2 Bedeyfread 1 Bognor 2, Berley Invita 6 Tulse Hill 2, Blachreath 7 Lloyd Bark 0, Binghiton 1 Worthing 1, Herne Bay 2

Severnoaks 2, Marden Russetts 1 Old Hol-combetans 7, Riddleton 5 Old Williamsonians 2, Old Bordenians 3 Horsham 1 Crosty: Bromley

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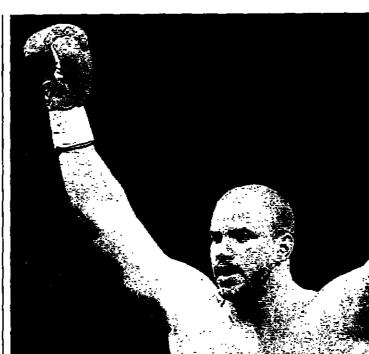
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Tommy Morrison, the heavyweight from the United States, raises his hands in triumph after defeating Marcus Rhode by a technical knock-out in Tokyo yesterday

FACING

NEWMARKET

Going: good
1.00 (7t) 1. Palisade (W Ryan. 12-1): 2. Rabecce Strarp D-2 lav): 3. Coretta (14-1). 23 ran. MR: Seattle Swing 1 ki, 1 ki. H. Coal. Tote: 216 00; 24,00; 21.80; 26.10 DF: 544,30 Tho: 2351,90 CSF: 256.81.
1.30 (1m) 1. Astionado (G Duffeld, 10-1): 2. Hallman, (10-1): 3. Heggles (20-1). Morcombs Club 2-1 law. 21 ran. MR: Sheeba. Hd. 224. R. Johnson Houghton. Tote: £11.70: £3.60, £3.20, £3.40 DF: £37.40. Tho: £431.50 CSF: £108.48.
2.53 (81): Saniseed (C Dettor, 6-1): 2. How 2.05 (8) 1. Safreed (f. Dettort, 6-1); 2. How Long (3-1); 3. Vasari (7-2). Unsheken 8-4 lay 8 ran 1 ¼1, nk 5 bin Surrow Tote 15.80; C1.60, £1.50, £1.80 DF: £8.90, CSF £23.09 2.40 (1m) 1. All-hoyel (Pat Eddery, 9-4 lev). 2. Nijo (14-1): 3. Faishully (7-2). 8 ran. 1 kil. sh hd. H Cecil Tote: £3 10: £1 40. £2.20. £1.50. DF £23 70. CSF £28 67.

11:30. Um 12:3 70. UST 12:38 57.
3,10 / Im 28 1, Silver Patrianch (Pat Eddery, 9-2), 2, Eddrado (5-2 fay), 3, Shadow Lead (9-2), 10 ran 14. nic. J Duniop Tote: 65 00; 21 50. 21 80, 21 80. DF 15.30 Tho: £11.80. USF £14.69 Bahar (14-1); 3, Kayves (25-1); 4, Dreams End (20-1) Hawkstey Hull 9-2 kay 25 can. Nr. 141 Morns: Tote 556 50; 510 40, 53.90, 54.90, 54.80 DF: 5489.90, Tnor 52.197.10 CSF: 5489.90, Tricast 510.305.32.

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4.15 (7) 1, Persian Fayre (K.Casley, 11-1), 2, Indishra (16-1), 3, Broughton's Prode (16-1); 4, Stoppes Brow (14-1), Amber Fort 5-1 sev. 28 ran. NR: Barrel Of Hope NK, 1141, J Berry Tote, 212.60; 23.00, 24.50, 27.40, 65.50 DF; 2167 90 Tricast; 22,642.24 Jackpot: not won (pool of £16,727,49 carned forward to Southwell today).
Placepot: £545,10: Quedpot: £35,60.

ASCOT

12.50 1. Squire's Occasion (2-7 fav); 2. Amber Ring (11-4) 2 ran. (2-1); 2. Riding Crop (Evens fav); 3. Sahe (3-2) 6 ran. 1.55 1. Go Belliste (2-1); 2. Smelght Tail. (8-4 lav); 3. Arthur's Minstel (8-1) 5 ran. 2.20 1. Storm Alex (Belliste) (2-2); 2. Storm Alex (3-2); 3. Storm Alex 2.30 1, Storm Alert (Evens lav); 2, Big Mait (2-1); 3, Thumbs Up (14-1), 4 ran. 3.05 1. Clod Hopper (11-2): 2, Tap On Tootsie (7-4 law): 3, Positivo (9-1) 6 ran. 100559 (7-4 say; 3, Postavo (8-1) 6 ran; 3,40 1, Strong Promise (1-8 tay); 2, Minor Key (6-1), 2 ran 4.10 1, Streer Groom (5-2); 2, Snootk (4-1); 3, Barria Boy (8-1) Charming Girl Evens, lav. 5 ran

KELSO 1.00 1, Seeking Gold (7-1); 2, Mr Rener 7-1); 3, Donovans Reet (20-1) Mister Trick, Morac. 3-1 p-lay 8 run. NR. German Legend, Scrabo View 1.30 1, Antarctic Wind (1-2 lav); 2, Trap Dancer (7-1); 3, I'm The Men (8-1), 10 ran. 2.00 1 Briar's Delight (7-4); 2, Weaver George (4-1); 3, Prince Stylouro (6-4 lav), 4 ran NR; Regal Romon;

YETTON TROPHY: First round: Darlington (105 Houghton 58: Sinderfand 74 Spennymor 65: Thorneary 95 Hartlepool 57: Lincoln 94 Horncastle 80: Stamfard 79 Spatising 69: Cambndge Chesterton 90 Presidential 69: Cambndge Chesterton 90 Presidential 69: Cambndge Chesterton 90 Presidential 70: Med Suffolk 77 (pswinch A 71: Becodes 88 Lowestolt Rawway 62: Tibury 97 Claston A 85; Essex Countly 102 Jacks Control 61: Tye Green B 67 Tye Green A 76: Bartong 8 85; Editiong A 84, Sabelands 89 Sounds Green 60: Pickatts Lock 107 Certinity 85; Covertiny 88 Bromsgrove 56; Rugby Thornfield 89 Tarmorth 62: Burmingham 92 Soffwal 71; Avon Valley 87 Rugby Thornfield 89 50: Bertham 4 (108 Makern Hills 77: King George A 92 King George 8 62: Richmond 80 Embolding 68; Melaven Hills 77: King George A 92 King George B 82: Richmond 80 Embolding 68; Melaven Hills 77: King George A 92 King George A 100 Croydon B 61; Crystal Palace 94 Femple 57: Epiham 88 Wey Visitey 8 63; Wey Valley A 95 Winterhogins 75; Gratone 76 Eastbourne 64: Eperton Park 84 Langray Sports 82: Adur 96 Falasto 59: Eastbourne 89 Navitaling Pawleyn 58, Pression 80 Worthing Pawleyn 58, Pression 80 Worthing 59: Arun 77: Iale of Worth 68, Exonia 89 Deswitch 69; Isoa 82: Tortosy 78: Kingsley 80 Honiton 60; Bodmin 69 West Comwell 8 61: Pymouth Cive Service 108 Newcay 8 86

2.30 1, Stylish Intervel (4-1): 2, Flyaway Blues (4-5 tan) 3, Kashana (11-1), 9 ran NR: Astra Weeks, Battery Boy, Public Way 3,00 1, Royal Vacation (5-1), 2, Cettic Saver (4-1): 3, Bas De Laine (100-30 tav) 9 ran (4-1); 3, Bas De Laine (100-30 av) 9-10-30 av) 9-20 ; Bezergojar (100-30); 2, Tallywagger (9-1); 3, Nicholas Plant (5-2 fax, 7 ran. NR langar. 4-00 1, Fen Terrier (4-1); 2, Kerno Sabo (33-1); 3, Tesjay n'altch (5-1) Eden Dancer 5-2 fav 8 ran. NR: Pangeran

WARWICK

12.40 1, Glowing Path (8-1): 2, Supermick (11-2), 3, Nekhadi Prince (8-1) Pegasus Bay 9-2 tav. 12 ran NR Salisong 1.10 1. Super Sherp (5-1), 2 Circulation (6-1); 3. Northern Optimist (3-1), Zerodar 10-11 fav 4 ran 1.40 1, Time Enough (4-5 tay); 2, Copper Mine (9-4); 3, Coppedy Lad (7-2); 4 tan 2.15 1, Runaway Pete (11-8 tay), 2, Morstock (11-4); 3, Dlass (9-2); 5 ran 9-2), 2. Bdorado (5-2 tay), 3. Steadow Lead (9-2) 10 ran *1. rik J Duniop Tole: 55 00: 15 90: 18 00: 18 0. DF :53.0 Trio: £11.80. CSF :£14.89. 3.45 (1m) 1. Salteri (N Day, 33-1); 2. Prode: 3.45 (1m) 1. Salteri (N Day, 33-1); 2. Prode: 1. Prode: The Conductor (4-7 tay), 2. Hawaisian Sam (11-4); 3. Ette Governor

WETHERBY 12.50 1, Queen Of Spades (Evens fav); 2. Endowment (20-1), 3. Milhrac (8-1) 13 ran NR Ben Cruechan, Fotbes. 1.20 1, Potter's Bay (2-1 fay); 2. Random Harvest (3-1); 3. Rye Crossing (9-2) 9 ran Harvest (3-1); 3, Riye Crossing (9-2) 9 ren 1,50 1, Direct Route (11-8 (av), 2, Fourth In Lins (8-1); 3, Kastely (6-1), 5 ran 2,20 1, Stately Home (7-1); 2, Joe White (14-1); 3, Berlone (11-8) Hill Of Tullow 6-5 tav. 4 ran 2,50 1, Trainglot (7-4 (av), 2, What A Question (2-1), 3, Difficult Times (5-1), 7

rat 3.25 1, One Man (8-11 tay); 2, Barton Bank (6-1); 3, Young Hustler (11-2), 4 ran, 4.00 1, Belfator (4-1); 2, Jackson Park (16-1); 3, Haver, Golf Diamond (16-1) Kerawi 6-5 tay 12 ran WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1, Trailblazzer (11-4); 2, Cee-N-K (9-4 lev); 3, Collins Choice (25-1) 12 ran, NRt Agent Mulder, 7.30 1, Pharty Dancer (4-1), 2, Mad Milliant (2-1 lav); 3, Princely Gair (4-1), 12 ran ran.
8.00 1, Two To Tango (4-5 tay); 2. Sounds Legal (20-1); 3. Carreamia (11-4); 12 ran. NE Dimo's Mistrel
8.30 1, Jigsaw Boy (12-1); 2, Sea Spouse (20-1); 3. No Monkey Nuts (7-1) Anonym 4-1 (Haw 12 ran. 9.00 1, Berachols Led (33-1); 2. Bull-Pet (14-1); 3. Lycius Touch (8-1). Verinder's Gift 5-2 tay 13 ran.
9.30 1. Chesiky Changy (10-1); 2. Haw's 9.30 1, Cheeky Chappy (10-1): 2, How's Yer Father (14-1), 3, Dragonyoy (5-1); Disco Boy 3-1 lev. 13 ran

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Tour matches Cambridge Univ 11 South Africa A 57 Cambridge University: Try: Hyde Pens; Ashlorth 2 South Almas A: Tries: du Tot 2. Els, Kayser, Lince: Lubbe, van der Walt. Cons: Smith 5 Pens; Smith 3 Dropped goal: du Tot -Glasgow-Edinb 19 Australie XV Combured Glasgow-Edinburgh XV: Try. Logan, Con: Donaldson Pens: Donaldson 4 Australia XV: Tines: Campase Cornors. Knos. Manu, Wison Cons: Knos 3 Pens: Kno. 2

(at Old Anniesland) 53 W Samoa XV 40 Saracens: Trios: Hill 2. Cheeney, Diprose, Fiol, Martin, Civer, Turningley, Corns: Lee 9 Per: Lee Western Samoa XV: Tries: Fanolue 2. Feaunab 2. Corns: Valla 4. Perist Valla 4.

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24 Rugby Blackheath 33 Blackheath: Tries: Gallagher 2 Cons: Gallagher 3 Pen: Gallagher 1 Tries: Boie 3. Baker, Currinina Quantil 4 Rugby: Cons: 19 Nes Coverary: Tries: Fullord, Smallwood Pens: Hams 2 Oropped goal: Hams Newcastle: Pens: Andrew 5 Dropped goal: Andrew Nottingham 18 Wakefeld Nothingham: Tries: Rees penelt, try Con: Wits Pens: Wills 2 Waterfield: Tries: Jackson, Mansey, Scully, Sewan, Wison Cons: Jackson 3 Pens: Jackson 3

Richmond 64 Waterloo Richmond: Tries: S Guinnell 4: C Cumnell 3: Brown 2: Bateman Cons. Mason 7: Waterloo; Try Blyth Con; Emmett Pens. Emmett 2. Rotherham 28 Landon Scottsch 18 Rotherham: Ties: Easterby Heaslegrave Pons: Lat 6 London Scottlish, Ties: N Robinson, Turner Com: Steele Pens; Steele 2 Actimond Newsastle Covertry Redford Warefield

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THIRD DIVISION: kening Hill 3 Tondu 5, Lenharan 23 Tredegar 7, Menthyr 22 Mountain Ash 13. Narberth 17 Penarth 17; Pyle 55 Butth Wells 18; Tenby Ukt 10 Rumney 24 Under-19 international match 21 Canada Wales Under-19: Tries: G Thomas, D Williams Com: Daniel Penes: Daniel 2. S Jones Canada Under-19: Try: Prouse. Pert: Rodgers (at Cardet Arms Park)

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SRU TENNENTS 1556 CUP: Second round: Saturday: Bure 9 Earlston 5. Helensturph 25 Moray 6 Yesterday: Aberdeenshire 34 Alloe 16. Allan Gens 8 St. Boswells 17 Annan 13 Aberdeen GSPP 17: Bennich, wo Greenock Wanderers: Cambustang 8 Hamilton Academy 25; Duris 28 Lest: Hamilton win on sway Ines 146t; Duribar 5 Morgan Academy 25; Duris 28 Madras College PP 5. Edinburgh University 30 Royal High 0; Fallent 3 Linithipow 43. Genrock 23 Huschesons Aloysians 12: Howe of File 32 Datoel 8; Lettin Academicals 13 Transy Academicals 60; Lettile 18 Hamick Trades 52; Llvingston 34 Gela YM 24 Murrayfield 7 East Klünde 29; Ross-High 106 Actrossan Academicals 6; Stewarry 32 Dumines 0. Streithendrick 65 Roswith and Desmet 0' Straithiracy 18 Cartha OP 22; Winteclags 12 Hemok Linden 48 Postponed: Lochabet v Marr.

Club matches

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Norfolk 103 Cambridgeshire 118, Oxfordshire 169 Herefordshire 78; Witchire 156
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Middlessx 99. Workester Sta Laughbord unit of CANCELLED: Hereford v Gloucester Old Boys CORRECTION: The match lated as the Ramfuny Shield final last week (October 28), between Auckand and Countes, should have been lated as the New Zeelland national provinced championship final

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(NZ) bt J Wong (Craigengowr CC) 25-15: W
McMahon (HK) bt P Fung (Konfoon CC)
25-18: A Waddisk (Aus) bt D Milkims (Wales)
25-15: G Blacker (SA) bt S Arey (Erg) 25-21.
A Marshall (Scot) bt L Purker (Konfoon CC)
25-18: Die Manusen (Lersey) bt N Sabk
(Malayssa) 25-17: N Buritan (SA) bt K K
Yeung (HK Potics) 25-14. Third rounds
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SPORT

As artificial surfaces proliferate, so injury time is increasing. John Goodbody asks if the two are connected

Is this the penalty we must pay for a perfect pitch?

stead of grass leads to more injuries will be debated by the Royal Society of Medicine next month. With some 40 new pitches being laid every year in Britain, there is a need for an independent scientific survey into the relationship between the harder surfaces and a growing number of injuries to the back and lower limbs, particularly to hockey

All top-class and most club hockey is almost exclusively played on artificial pitches, which are also used extensively at lower levels for tennis. football and other sports.

Richard Dodds, captain of the Great Britain 1988 Olympic gold medal-winning hockey team and now an orthopaedic surgeon, will deliver the paper to the Royal Society. Dr Mike Irani, secretary of its Sports Medicine Committee, said: "We are certainly seeing more injuries but we do not know whether this is caused by the surfaces or whether having them avail-

used to do." The debate in Britain reflects that in American football, where there has been a shift away from plastic pitches in National Football League (NFL) stadiums following a NFL teams, 16 now play onartificial and 14 on natural grass. Most users accept that

able simply allows people to

play so much more than they



grass. If players slide on the plastic pile or sand, they will scrape their skin more severely than on natural turf. Dodds also described a syndrome nicknamed "Astrotoe" in which players stub their toes on the carpet.

Hockey physiotherapists

Dodds said: "My gut feeling is that grass gives just that little bit more than artificial turf. However, I am not convinced on whether synthetic

have a shock absorbency layer bases are usually made either of a bound mineral layer such as Bitmac - used in the



Hard knocks are to be expected as East Grinstead battle with Surbiton at a hockey match on a typical modern artificial pitch this season, but some believe that grass is safer

have treated players with disc lesions and other vertebral joint problems. Ankle sprains and knee ligament and cartilage problems are also commonplace, yet no direct link has been established to blame all this on the new surfaces.

surfaces cause injuries. We just do not have the figures." There are four main types of artificial pitch, all of which

abrasions are more common construction of roads - or



stone, sand or gravel, or a combination of these. The

latter is more difficult to lay

but is increasingly used in

The other variable is whether sand or water is used between the pile of the carpet surface. Most hockey players prefer playing on water-based pitches, although it can lead to a risk of blisters and trench foot. About 25 such pitches exist in Britain, and Dodds said of them: "They need watering between every game and even at half-time when it is bot but some authorities do

not have the resources to do ther confused by the fact that many players use a number of

different carpets and founda-

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

The British Chess Federation

book of the year award has gone to David Bronstein, the

Russian author, for his book

The Sorcerer's Apprentice, published by Cadogan. The judges said: "Bronstein's book

was a unanimous first choice.

David Bronstein possessed a

chess imagination of the high-

est order and his best games

can stand alongside any world

champions. The Sorcerer's Ap-

prentice is however, more

than just a well annotated

collection of best games — it reveals the man behind the

player. It also amply illus-

trates Bronstein's love of the

game and his artistic genius."

Here is a game won by Bronstein from his 1951 world

championship challenge.

Black: Mikhail Botvinnik

Dutch Defence

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White David Bronstein

World championship

Moscow 1951

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Book prize

tions during their career. They may also wear unsuitable shoes. Many manufacturers make shoes specifically for use on artificial surfaces - the

of Nike's top-of-the-range Rio. for example, is designed for water-based and sand-based Adrian Lees, Professor of Biomechanics at John Moores University in Liverpool, said: The type of shoes that players

traction pattern of the outsole

wear and their interaction with the surface may be important in this debate Interest in football injuries became less acute after artifi-Town, Preston North End and Queens Park Rangers — were banned by the Football League eight years ago. However,

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concern has remained at lower levels of the sport and also at all strata of hockey.

This was highlighted when four leading hockey internationals – Sandie Lister, Karen Vickey Dixon severe back injuries in the early 1990s.

et Geraldine Wat-kins, the England physiotherapist at the 1994 women's World Cup, warned: "It is difficult to compare injuries suffered on artificial pitches with those on grass, primarily because elite v is now exclusively played on plastic surfaces. In any case, since most hockey is played bent over, you would expect to see lower back injuries."

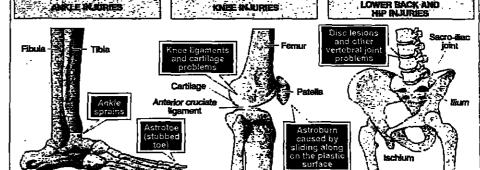
Both Watkins and Dr Roslyn Carbon, the medical official to the women's hockey team in Atlanta this summer, also pointed out that the game has become much faster since artificial surfaces have been used regularly, leading to players running and turning even more quickly than they did on grass.

Peter Dury, an independent

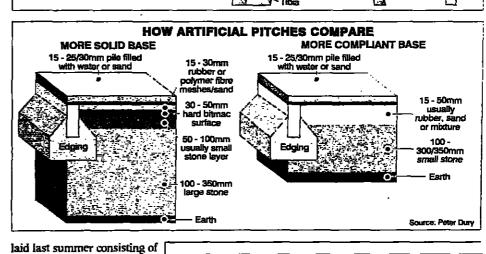
to dust over the five years."

Dury and Arthur Dye, head decline in any injuries.

There is much interest in the



INJURIES WHICH COULD BE CAUSED BY PLAYING ON HARD SURFACES



consultant on sports facilities, said that in the early days (the first pitch was laid in Islington, north London, in 1971) the foundation was often too hard. "There is no doubt that

synthetic fibres within natural

turf. This should allow more

regular use by both sports

without damaging the pitch. For manufactured artificial

pitches. Dye and Watson

agreed that the requirements

of shock padding at the elite

level of sports were different.
Watson said: "The softest should be football, then hock-

ey and finally tennis on the firmest cushioning. You could play football and hockey on

the same surface, or even

hockey and tennis. As for

football and tennis, you should

forget it. If you play on the wrong surface, I believe you

are more likely to get injured."

stal synthetic pitches is that, if

floodlights are available, they can be used 24 hours a day, all

year round, for a variety of

Their durability and versa-

tility are two of their chief

strengths. But the question remains whether their great

weakness is that they lead to

Professor Lees summarised:

"It is speculative. There is an

absence of any scientific work.

Most of the evidence at the

moment is simply anecdotal."

increased injuries.

activities.

The reason why so

many local authori-

ties, clubs, schools

and universities in-

pitches have become much better over the last 10 years," he said. "A lot of the adverse reaction in the United States has been because the carpets were laid with a solid base such as concrete or Bitmac. I saw the Islington surface in 1976 and the shock pad between the carpet and the foundation had turned almost

of research services at the Sports Council, report that in recent years the move has been towards a more compliant base. However, no research has been done as to whether this has led to any Vic Watson, a member of

the Football League committee which examined artificial pitches 10 years ago, said the technology was available to do anything that professional football wanted. However, the clubs never laid down the criteria for a synthetic pitch. It was like pushing against a closed door."

experiment at the McAlpine Stadium in Huddersfield, which is the home of both professional football and rugby league. Here, a pitch was

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Today's hand is an example of a communication play I've discussed before. They do come up in practice, I assure you. This one occurred in the high-stake game at TGR's.

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I approve of North's Two Diamond rebid, although by some criteria his hand is worth Three Diamonds after all, it is at least a king better than an opening bid. South ducked two spades and took the third round. Then he played a club to hand and led a diamond; West played low, and dummy's ten forced East's queen. Now it was all over - declarer made

a spade trick, a heart trick, five diamonds and two clubs. Look what happens if West puts in the jack of diamonds. Declarer can't duck, so has to play ace, king and another diamond. Now with West holding the king of hearts declarer can't take his nine tricks without letting West in. ☐ The France Open team won the Olympiad in Rhodes over the weekend, beating Indonesia by 358 IMPs to 269. France

took a big lead in the first session, and were never in danger of losing. Indonesia had a dramatic semi-final victory over Denmark, winning on the last deal of extra time; France had a more comfortable win over Taiwan. In the women's series, the United States overcame a firstsession deficit against China

to win by 268-198. In the world mixed teams' championship, which ran in parallel with the Olympiad. Heather Dhondy and Liz McGowan, of Great Britain, teamed up with four of the Iceland Open squad, and won the tournament. In the final, they beat a team captained by Mark Feldman of the United

States by 66-55. □ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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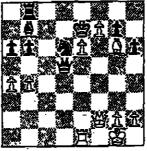
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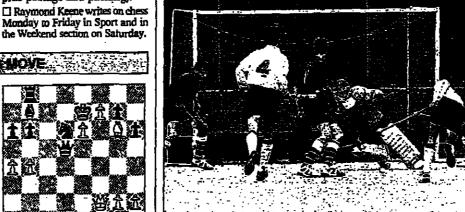
HACHURE a. A heraldic display b. Gradient lines c. A vegetable soup JACKMAN a. A retainer b. An itinerant bookseller c. Service receiver at Eton

By Raymond Keene

MALTE T

White to play. This position is from the game Lima - Quinn. Erevan Ölympiad 1996. How did White swiftly prove, with some sacrificial foreworks. that his powerful passed pawns were worth more than





SOUTHAMPTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

In search of future cures

Pat Blair introduces a three-page report on Southampton's medical school, 25 years old and still in the forefront of research and training

Professor Eric

Thomas and

below. Sir

Donald Acheson

Medical School was inpuber 29, 1971, it was opened by Sir Keith Joseph, then Secretary of State for Social Services. It was one of only three medical schools opened in this century, the others being Nottingham and Leicester.

Uniquely, however, the Southampton school was conceived jointly by the university

and what was then the regional health authority of the NHS. They saw it as an unparalleled opportunity to set up a regional organisation in which service, education and research could support each oth-

which

That was not the only respect in it was unique among medial schools. From their first term, students were in contact with patients, albeit grad-

ually at first. There was also what Professor (now Sir) Donald the Acheson. founding Dean of

Medicine, called "the boldest innovation in the Southampton course". Students would be expected to spend their fourth year in research apart from a day of clinical work a week and six weeks' elective clinical work - studying a subject in depth and presenting their dissertations for scrutiny at their annual scien-

It was ahead of its time, in

into primary care: to local district general hospitals in the area not just to the teaching hospital," says David Moss, chief executive of the Southampton University Hospital Trust, which has close links with both the medical school

and the university.

The medical faculty comprises four schools, each with its own head: the School of Medicine: the School of Nurs-

ing and Midwifery; the School of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy, one of only two combined schools in the UK: and the School of Biological

The NHS trust is closely involved in the student curriculum. Its director of medical education sits on the faculty's education committee. *Obviously we

have a big input to those curriculums: our consultants teach and our services provide exposure for students," says Mr Moss. The School of Medicine

started with 40 students. an annual intake that has now more than quadrupled, says Professor Eric Thomas, the head of the school. There have been other

shifts. The founding profes-sors were selected as allrounders in terms of teaching. research and their clinical ability. But with a shift in how government allocates money,



A student researcher: students are expected to spend their fourth year on research

are then funded by the nat-

ional NHS research and dev-

the emphasis and expectation of clinical academics have also altered. All medical schools, when considering new appointments, now take more account of people's research abilities.

There is more focus on research now," says Professor Thomas. mentioning the change in the medical school's grants for new research: in 1991, £3.1 million; by 1995-96 £14 million.

In 1992, the then regional health authority, in collabor-ation with the university, set up the Wessex Institute with the idea of rejuvenating public health and health services

research. "We've now built up commissioned from the best research groups nationwide, including Southampton.

The NHS trust is freeing space, and it will cost the quite a wide portfolio of re-search," says Professor John Gabbay, director of the insti-

tute. It co-ordinates the NHS's school about £680,000 to exnational programme for as-sessing health technology, pand laboratories in what is which includes drugs, equip-ment and devices used in known as the Duthie-Tenovus building. Professor Thomas healthcare, as well as the way and his team will shortly be seeking more scientists to work in this building, taking services are best organised. Each year, it sifts to about 40 research topics from the 1,000 the school further forward in that people in the NHS feel its quest for excellence. they might need answers to if they want to purchase or provide better health. These

Meanwhile various events. including dances and a lecture series, are planned, both to celebrate the school's first 25 years and to raise funds for the new laboratories.

Finding the answers in cyberspace

he medical school is the servant of the A community wherever patients are being looked after. Pat Blair writes. So says Chris Thompson, a Professor of Psychiatry based at the Royal South Hants Hospital in South-

ampton.
"Our task," he says, "is to ensure that those students get access to medical care in the full range of facilities in which it is provided today. Not just in operating the atres but also in people's homes, day centres, day hospitals."

From its inception, Southampton exposed students to patients within weeks of their starting medical education, a practice that has since spread to many other medi-

It has several advantages Professor Thompson says, as it allows students to learn how multidisciplinary teams work, "In psychiatry, students track community psychiatric nurses, to see how they work; they go with consultant psychiatrists to see patients in their homes. A lot of psychiatry is carried out this way now, so it is essential that students see modern practice."

It was also important for students to see patients when they were normal, at home, to take into account the impact of an illness on the family.

He cites the case of a man in his fifties, retired on medical grounds because of severe manic depression. When I took over his care, his wife was at the end of her tether because she wasn't coping. He had had about two relapses a year for the previous five years. She was asking me to do a frontal lobotomy, like One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

He refused. There were other treatments to try. Within two months the man **Teaching**

materials will

soon be available on

the Internet

was discharged from hospital. "We did one other crucial thing apart from giving him the right treatment. We said to his wife you're the expert on his condition. When you see him getting ill, phone us urgently and we promise to respond immediately. After a while, when she trusted us, it lowered her

anxiety about getting treat-

ment when he needed it."

Professor Chris Thompson

Today, the couple has a happy married and social

Depression is an important focus of research in Southampton, from basic science, through treatment to the delivery of care. Here. computer technology is beginning to play a significant part in teaching and learning. An interactive computer program, printed on to CD and delivered on a laptop. has already won an award from the British Institute of Multimedia Art.

Aimed at GPs and dealing with depression, it uses high-quality video of a

patient entering as if conpanent entering as it con-tor. The doctor has a multiple-choice bank of questions; depending on the question asked, the patient will answer.

You drive the interview almost like a real interview." says Professor Thompson Once information has been elicited, the doctor is asked to make a diagnosis. If it is incorrect, the program says why, pointing out missed

aspects of symptoms. The CD carries information about depression, to-gether with drug treatments, appropriate psychological and social approaches and the scientific literature that supports the treatment

Soon they will be producing undergraduate teaching materials on CD. That will lead us on towards providing that over the internet, so when our students are situated in placements around Wessex, they will be able to go to a computer terminal linked to the Internet and tap in to their own Southampton University interactive psychiatry textbook."

He is now forming partnerships with commercial organisations to expand and speed up the work. "We think we should have it all on line by the middle of next

year," he says.
It is unlikely to put psychiatrists out of business. But, he says: "We think that patients need to know much more about their illnesses and the treatments being offered so they can make informed choices." Some information containing the most important points about an illness and its treatment could be tailored to patients.
"It could then be delivered in GP's surgeries or in outpatient clinics."

Professor Thompson thinks production is possibly only two years away.

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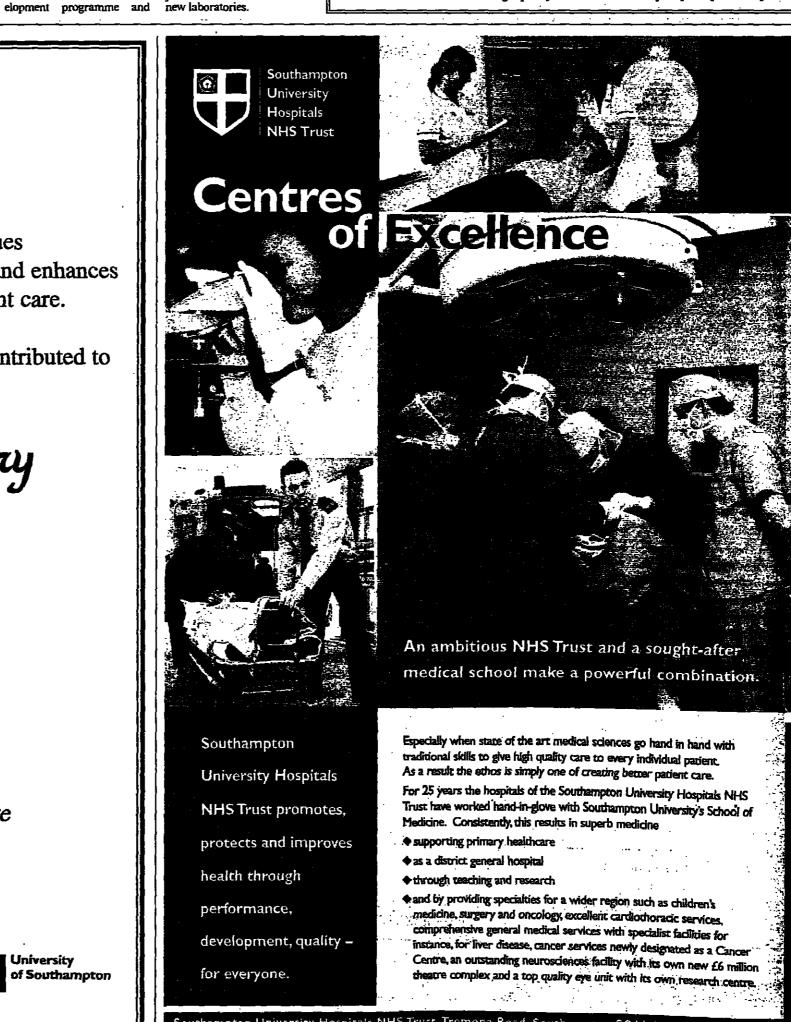
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Students at Southampton can look for inspiration to world-beating research programmes on birth weight and asthma

You are what your mother ate and the records prove it

n medicine, genuinely fresh ideas are rare. They often originate from a new way of looking at the evidence, or a new analytical technique.

But few would have expected that poring over the records made by midwives and health visitors more than half a century ago would lead to a new perception of many modern diseases. It is the achievement of Professor David Barker and his team, at the Medical Research Council's Environmental Epidemiology Unit at Southampton, to have done just that.

In a series of studies published over the past 10 years, they have shown that the weight of a baby at birth and at one year of age is a strong predictor of its future chances of developing heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, chronic obstructive lung disease

Poor nutrition of mothers during pregnancy handicaps their babies, and increases their chances of adding to the toll of heart disease. the Western world's greatest killer.

The pattern was first spotted by studying birth records taken by health visitors in Hertfordshire. beginning in 1911, and at a hospital in Preston a little later.

By comparing birth weights and weights at one from the Herfordshire records with the subsequent life histories of 6,500 men, Professor Barker found that weight at one was a far better predictor of death from heart disease than was the cholesterol level of the men within a year or two of their deaths. The lighter babies were the ones at

When these results first appeared, many suspected they were an artefact - that weight at birth and at one was simply a "marker" for other handicaps, including pow-erty. But the weight of evidence continues to accumulate.

Identical results have now been produced in Sweden and in the US," says Professor Barker. "It's



Professor Barker with the records that prompted his theories about birth weight as a predictor

very important to have indepen-dent replication of the results, and very gratifying that they confirm what we found."

The work cuts through some of the paradoxes which long surrounded dictary theories of heart disease. For example, if a rich diet is the problem, why are deaths from heart disease commoner among the poor? Heart disease began, after all, as a disease of the

The model explains that by pointing out that the affluent were the first to enjoy a richer diet as adults, for which their experience in the womb had not prepared them. This means that heart disease first affected the rich, with poorer people following. In this way, the rise and now the decline of heart death rates followed half a century behind the foetal experiences that helped to determine it.

The team is conducting a big new study to build on this success. Two groups of 1,000 women, one in India and the other in Southampton, have been followed during their pregnancies, and their diets recorded. When they had their babies, records of birth weights and other details were taken.

"In a couple of years we will follow up by measuring the blood pressure in these babies" Professor Barker says. "We don't need to wait until they are adult and have developed diseases - we can tell much sooner than that."

He expects that blood pressure in the infants will conform to the pattern already established from the historical records: the lighter babies have higher blood pressure. The work is also producing indications of what it is about maternal diet that influences the

baby's fate. "It obviously can't be

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simply a lack of food," he says. "Not many people in the West suffer from that any more." What is emerging is that there is a balance between protein and carbohydrate in early pregnancy that needs to be maintained if the baby is to develop in an optimum way.

If being too small at birth is not a good thing, should we all be aiming to produce huge babies? Not necessarily so, because the evidence is that heavy babies are more likely to suffer from breast, ovary and

It looks as if there is a balance to be struck in a mother's nutrition during pregnancy to achieve the best chance of long life and health for her baby. Over the next few years, Professor Barker and his team will be trying to establish what that balance is.

NIGEL HAWKES

Seeking answers to the genetic mysteries of asthma

sthma affects !1 per cent of adults and up to 20 per cent of children in Britain — yet it barely exists in the rest of the animal kingdom. Why is it unique

to human beings? In three or four centres in the UK, including Southampton, scientists are seeking the answer to that question.

"We are way ahead of America and most of Europe," says Stephen Holgate, Professor of Respiratory Medicine at Southampton, because we've been studying human disease, whereas many other institutions have been trying to model it in animals."

One answer may lie in genes. Asthma is known to cluster in families, so Southampton researchers are comparing blood samples in families where asthma is prevalent, looking for a linkage between markers.

"If you show that a particular marker moves with a disease through multiple families, you know you have an area of the chromosome that's generically important in the disease," says Professor Holgate. "We've found two, possibly three areas of great interest."

A second approach, about to start, is a random human gene search, where markers are placed at regular intervals along the whole human genome and then tracked with the movement of the disease through families. That may lead to the discovery of other areas of chromosome involved in asthma. The aim is to identify those at risk of developing asthma from an early age, and perhaps revent it, to provide new targets for drugs; and to learn more about the mechanisms of asthma.

The research shows that about 80 per cent of all severe asthma attacks lasting more than two days are virus-related rather than, as most people think, due to allergies. "So you have an interaction between allergens, which underlie the onset of the disease through the



Professor Stephen Holgate: the team is ahead of America

genetic predisposition, now linking to viruses which can feed off this and make it worse," Professor Holgate explains. In the department of child health, meanwhile, Professor John Warner and his team are discovering that even at birth there appears to be a defect in the production of the substance encoded on chromosome 12 that suppresses an asthma attack.

hey are investigating the environmental influences affecting the foetus and new-born baby that may rigger allergic disease, particularly asthma, in those who have a

genetic predisposition. Professor Warner says: "Even if you inherit the genes for an allergic problem from your par-

ents, you don't necessarily develop

the problem. We believe that the

genes that predispose you to aller-

gy are common in the population; it might even be normal to have them because they influence the immune response that allows you to fight against parasitic infections."

The Southampton team has found there is more happening antenatally than was previously beleived. Contrary to previous belief, says Professor Warner, "most of the immune system is very mature by birth and a lot of the primary events that set the immune system going have occ-

urred during pregnancy".

This could include babies already being "switched on" to react in an allergic way to milk, eggs. house mites or animal hairs, "even in the womb". They also know that If the switch-on is detected at birth as being excessive, many of those babies go on to get develop allergic

25 YEARS OF COLLABORATION IN THE COMMUNITY Southampton Community Health Services NHS Trust sends its congratulations to the Medical School outhampson Community Health Services NHS Trust provides nearth and social care. services in and around the New Forest and on its first 25 years Southampton area. There are opportunities The Trust is committed to high quality teaching for medical students and high quality research within the local community. The collaboration with the Medical School already places the Trust at the forefront of community based geople, people with learning disabilities, teaching. By the end of the century we expect to see the Trust's staff and services playing an increasingly important part in teaching and research particularly in community and primary care settings - an agenda we share with the health centres, choics and people's nomes Medical School Our goal - excellent bealth care for local people EASTLEIGH SOUTHAMPTON HEDGE END • FORDINGBRIDGE LYNDHURST RINGWOOD BEAULIEU NEW MILTON

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Why a student searched for surfers

The research projects undertaken by Southampton's students are many and various, reports Pat Blair -

but all have to be presented to a conference

students at Southampton Medical School started to take stock of a wide range of subjects for potential research. It is a feature of the school that though fourth-year students are expected to do a clinical speciality with clinical attachments, they are also expected to concentrate on research.

Each student chooses his or her own area of interest, which may be in clinical or basic science fields, and studies one aspect of it in depth. The range of subjects researched, written up in a 5,000-word dissertation, presented and justified to the annual conference in May. is as great as the number of

One student, about three years ago, roamed beaches around Southampton to find windsurfers. After measuring sea contamination around the South Coast, she was trying to find a connection with cases of gastroenteritis, diarrhoea and vomiting among people who had been in the sea.

Currently, there are research studies involving the incidence of asthma in children, growing cancer cells in culture, and microscopic experiments in physiology and

"It's a huge range of projects," says Rod Thomp-son, Professor of Clinical Biochemistry and the fourth year co-ordinator. And it is complicated to run so many projects across the whole medical school in a wide variety of

Not many student conferences can, however, boast such eminent speakers as the Nobel Prize winner James Watson, of DNA fame, Baroness Warnock and Sir Donald Acheson, the former Chief Medical Officer. It is a measure of the success of the medical school's approach that such luminaries appear pleased to be invited by students presenting their own scientific studies.

The point of this approach.

ast month the current as well as acquiring research crop of fourth-year methods and skills, is to help them develop inquiring minds and to develop their independence as learners.

"We want them to learn to be able to appraise research evidence critically," says Professor John Gabbay, who is part of a team reviewing the fourth year project. "We think that doctors ought to be able to do that but are often not properly trained." "We want them to be able to understand the nature and context of research and how it informs practice, and we believe it is best to learn about research by doing some at a reasonable amount of depth, preferably in

We think it's very important that students learn to think for themselves and have a culture of inquiry rather than of receiving wisdom from

a clinical context.

Though some projects do find their way into scientific journals, which subsequently looks good on CVs, that is not the point of the exercise. "In our view, the assessment should be looking at the process, rather than the outcome of the research project," says Professor Gabbay.

Professor Thompson adds: "All the students get useful experience of research methods. It stands them in good stead in whatever branch of medicine they linish up. Apart from those who take up research posts, some Southampton graduates continue their interest in research once they leave medi-

One London GP, Mark Ashworth, who graduated in 1979 and who has just received a £52,000 research grant to study respite care, says that it was without doubt his fourth year project that nurtured his interest in research. "I don't think I would still be doing research otherwise," he says. He had been studying

symptoms of wheat allergy. We even thought we'd identified new symptoms." It opened his eyes. He says: "It was

ies waiting to be made out

Professor Gabbay's hope is to find a way of evaluating this happens and the proportion of students who are similarly inspired. Today, there are 15 applica-

tions for each of the 165 available places at the school. From the outset, Southampton set aside places for graduates and mature students. They now form about 18 per cent of the annual intake. Although many have come from related disciplines, such as dentistry, chemistry and physiotherapy, they have also embraced people who have decided to change career entirely. These have included engineers, social workers and submariners. one of whom is now a GP with the Royal Navy.

They're extremely committed." says Professor Thompson. "My experience is that people who come into medicine late work very hard and do well. Most people who have experience of mature students find them a success.

Professor Eric Thomas, the head of the School of Medicine, comments: "Mature graduates are usually highly motivated and well-focused. The down side is that they can



Southampton students with David Barrett, orthopaedic surgeon. Later they will have to present their own research

Primary care caught by the throat

family doctors comthroats. Should they be given antibiotics immediately, or if they don't clear up within a few days? Or do they make no difference? What do patients about antibiotics? Would they go back to their

doctor about a sore throat? The answers to some of these questions may influence how GPs nationwide treat the problem. They have been posed in one of the largest studies of sore throat treatexciting: there were discoverments ever done in Britain in

general practice. The results will be published soon. The pilot study and part of the main project were carried out at Aldermoor Health Centre. It is a normal health centre, with four full-time doctors caring for 8,000 pa-tients. But it is also Southampton medical school's general practice unit for teaching and research. "Not all our

research is done through the practice, although some is," says Dr Jenny Field, senior lecturer in primary medical care. But the practice has been enormously valuable in carrying out pilot projects, in recruiting patients, in being a sounding board for the feasibility of projects in other

The sore-throat pilot study. for example, involved an anthropologist observing pa-tients and asking them what they thought were the important outcomes of their consultation. Their answers influenced the questionnaires

used in the main project. Between 80 and 90 per cent of all medical care in the UK is carried out not in hospital but in primary health care -

general practices, health centres, people's homes. So it is important that research is also undertaken in those settings.

Aldennoor was, for example, involved in a comparison of antibiotics versus placebo in the treatment of otitis media, inflammation of the middle ear which, in practice, means a red, painful ear.

"A lot of work was done in the practice initially, trying to identify what kinds of ears doctors would and would not treat," says Dr Field. The project showed that antibiotics reduced the length of pain

by about one day. "But to the average mother with a child with otitis media, one day's reduction to the length of pain is pretty important" she says.

Southampton believes strongly that it should provide experience of primary care and of community medical services as well as hospitalbased services. More than 40 per cent of the region's GPs are involved in teaching, an unusually large proportion.
And the patients? "On the whole," says Dr Field, "they are very keen to help students

There is life after surgery

REHABILITATION is at the forefront of thinking in medical development. according to Lindsay McLellan, Europe Professor of Rehabilitation at Southampton. "We are starting to see there is perhaps more to disease than just curing

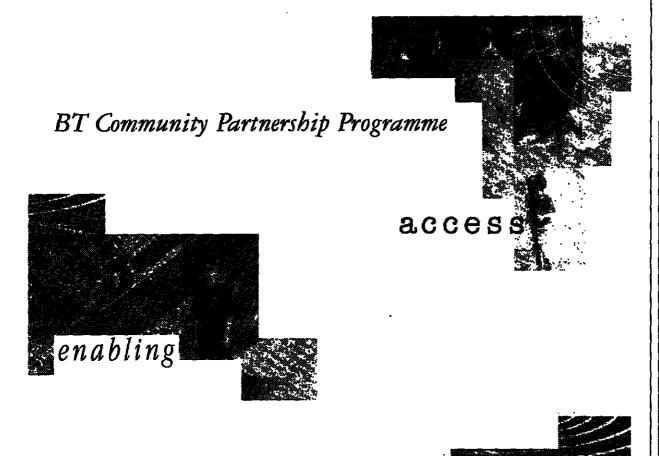
pathology."
There is life beyond drugs and surgery, he says, and students need to discern not only the contribution patients make to their own recovery, but the impact of disability on the family and on life in society.

As well as doctors and nurses, there are also therapists, sociologists and a teacher among Professor McLellan's staff of 30. "Otherwise you haven't got the range of expertise you need to tackle the problems."

A research programme, funded by the Department of Health, is undertaken in the Disability Equipment Assessment Centre, one of three nationwide. Equipment used by and for disabled people is as-sessed: anything from a commode to a special pen for a child who cannot hold one properly. For-mal reports, with user trials and guidelines for selecting appropriate equipment, are issued to all health authorities.

To the regret of Professor McLellan (who is a neurologist), the department's "least successful impact" has been on clinical services within the Southampton University Hospital Trust. He says: There have been few rehabilitation service developments in Southampton for the past 12 years. despite a plethora of managers."

But complaints of that kind, of course, are common among medical staff in every hospital.



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Changes in GP services must pass the quality test



A nurse could be used to answer out-of-hours calls to doctors and direct them to the appropriate service

Think twice before you call your doctor. So government campaign trying o stem the rise in out-of-hours calls to GPs, to enable them to concentrate on medical emergencies. Such a mass-popula-tion campaign is doomed to failure, says Dr Steve George, senior lecturer in public health medicine at Southamp ton Medical School. He considers that it is rather a simplistic notion to tell people only to call the doctor about impor-

tant things The public has no idea what's important medically and what's not," he says. "How should they? They are not experts. If they did not think it important, they would not have phoned. We really need to develop appropriate responses to the demand that

Whether the increase is in after-surgery calls, or in demand for emergency ambulances, Dr George believes that new systems must be thoroughly tested before their widespread adoption. His team is investigating whether one way to meet patients' A health expert is trying to devise ways of meeting patients' needs,

while making better use of resources needs, reduce doctors' stress and use resources better. would be to employ a nurse

hours calls and direct them to the appropriate service. Dr George is midway through the £500,000, three-year trial involving 50 GPs with a 100,000 patients. Under it, the duty nurse either gives advice and reassurance; puts callers through to the GP; or calls an ambulance. "People need not be afraid of calling,

specifically to answer out-of-

He also points out that what seems a great idea may not be in practice. What happens if an urgent case is missed? He says: "Not all GPs are perfect,

and neither are all nurses. We need to compare them in a His worry is that GPs might adopt such systems before they have been tested. In 1994,

when his investigation

ing up all over". What hap-pens, he wonders, if the results show they are not a

is concern is understandable in a Department of Healthfunded study four years ago at Sheffield University, Dт George caused some controversy when he found that a system designed to cut waiting times in hospital accident and emergency departments did not work. The nurse triage system — where patients are assigned a priority, such as must be treated now", or "can wait an hour" - actually increased waiting times, especially for the most urgent

seen by someone within live minutes - thus meeting government targets—the wait for treatment lengthened. The

previous informal system had been quicker. The Southamp ton team is now exploring Why, despite the evidence A&E departments are still departments are still operating triage systems.

If waiting times and GP

call-outs are national concerns, so too is the general rise in 999 ambulance calls. In an 18-month study due to end late next year, the South-

ambulance records going back 10 years to try to establish why demand has risen. That, coupled with a survey of GPs' perceptions of the reasons, may give clues to better, more appropriate services na

What has been coined the evaluation bypass — a bit of marketing, a bit of enthusiasm and a bit of ignorance and things get incorporated anyway." explains Dr George.

— is not good enough, he says. Only by testing what does or does not work will services meet people's real demands in the long term and that is what he and his colleagues

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Former tenant a tolerated trespasser

Burrows v Brent London on the date on which the tenant is to reinstate her. The council's

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Griffiths, Lord Jauncey of Tullichenie and Lord Steyn Speeches October 311

In the absence of special circumstances, an agreement between a secured tenant and a landlord of property protected by Part IV of the Housing Act 1985 for the tenant to continue in possession after the date specified in a possession order did not give rise to a new secured

it was an agreement that, upon the tenant complying with agreed conditions, the landlord would forbear from executing the possession order, so finally putting an end to the tenant's right to apply to the court for an order reviving the tenancy. The tenant was a toltrespasser until either the old tenancy was revived or the conditions were breached.

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the defendant, Brent London Borough Council, against the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (The Times July 21, 1995; (1995) 94 LGR 525), of the council's appeal from Judge Finestein, QC, in Willesden Crown

Court on August 19, 1994.

The judge had: (i) granted a declaration that the plaintiff, Diane Sarah Elizabeth Burrows, secure tenant of 28 Oxford Road, Kilburn, a flat owned by the council, pursuant to an agreement made between them on February 5, 1992 and (ii) granted a man atory injunction against the council to re-admit her to the flat. Section 82 of the Housing Act

"(I) A secure tenancy which is either - (a) a weekly or other periodic tenancy, or (b) a tenancy for a term certain but subject to termination by the landlord, cannot be brought to an end by the landlord except by obtaining an order of the court for the pos-

"(2) Where the landlord obtains an order for the possession of the

Gold Coin Joailliers SA v

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord

Justice Auld and Sir Patrick

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tomer, and not an imposter, was

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The Court of Appeal so held in

reserved judgments allowing an appeal by the bank. United Bank

of Mr Alan Tyrrell, QC, sitting as a was an alleged negligent mis-

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to give up possession in pursuance of the order. Section 85 provides:

"(I) Where proceedings are brought for possession of a dwelling house let under a secure tenancy for the non-payment of rent] the court may adjourn the proceedings for such period or periods as it thinks fit.

(2) On the making of an order for possession of such a dwellinghouse on any of those grounds, or at any time before the execution of the order, the court may — (a) stay or suspend the execution of the order, or (b) postpone the date of possession, for such period or periods as the court thinks fit. (3) On such an adjournment,

stay, suspension or postponement the court — (a) shall impose conditions with respect to the payment by the tenant of arrears of rent (if any) and rent or payments in respect of occupation after the termination of the tenancy (mesne profits), unless it considers that to so would cause exceptional hardship to the tenant or would otherwise be unreasonable, and (b) may impose such other conditions as it thinks fit

as it tunnes it.

(4) If the conditions are com-plied with, the court may, if it thinks fit, discharge or rescind the

Mr Ashley Underwood, QC and Mr Bryan McGuire for Brent, Mr David Neuberger, QC and Mr William Geldart for Diane

BROWNE-WIL-KINSON said Miss Burrows had fallen behind with her rent after her partner left her. Brent had obtained a final order for possession on February 12, 1992. On February 5, 1992 Miss Burrows had formally agreed to pay her rent arrears at a specified rate in return for the council's agreement not to seek to evict, but she had failed to do so. Brent issued a

possession warrant which was executed on June 8, 1994. that she was a secure tenant and

deputy High Court judge in March

1995, whereby he had ordered it to

pay damages to the plaintiff, Gold Coin Joailliers SA, for negligent misrepresentation. The judge had

Mr Anthony Mann, QC and Mr Michael Patchett-Joyce for the

bank: Mr Michael Pooles for the

LORD JUSTICE AULD said

that the plaintiff, of whom Mr Edmond Avakian was the sole

shareholder and controlling direc-

tor, dealt in watches and iewellers

had an office in London at which Mr Faisal Al Mutawa, a long-

from offices in Geneva. The ban

found contributory neglige 25 per cent by the plaintiff.

appeal had been dismissed.

The Court of Appeal had accepted that by section 82(2) Miss Burrows' original tenancy had terminated on February 12, 1992. Yet under the agreement of Pebruary 5, she remained in occupation paying a "rent charge".

That agreement could only take effect as an agreement to permit Miss Burrows to stay on after her existing tenancy had terminated. The agreement conferred a new right of occupation, either a new tenancy or a licence, which by section 79(3) of the 1985 Act was indistinguishable from a tenancy.

Brent had argued that she was merely a tolerated trespasser, but the Court of Appeal had rejected that argument as it would take her 14 years to pay off the arrears, and for that time she would enjoy none of the rights of a tenant. Before their Lordship's house,

Brent had advanced a more compelling argument based on Greenwich LBC v Regan (The Times February 8, 1996), namely that although under section 82/2 the original tenancy came to an end on February 12, 1992, the court had power under section 85(2) to postpone the date of possession. That power was exercisable "at e before the execution of the order", even after the date for possession specified in the order had nassed.

Section 85(3)(a) demonstrated although the old tenancy had had remained in possession, the court could, until the original varying the date for the giving of possession thereby reviving the

previously defunct tenancy. Therefore, so far as the tenant was concerned, the crucial event was the execution of the order for possession. Down to that date the tenant could apply to the court for substituting a new date on which reviving the old secured tenancy

Probity reference does not guarantee identity

plaintiff that a man with whom the

plaintiff was about to, and did deal

was Mr Al Mutawa, whereas the

man was an imposter who de-frauded the plaintiff.

telephoned the bank, announcing himself as Mr Al Mutawa. He had

said that he was arranging a deal and had asked for a bank reference

to be given over the telephone to the plaintiff.

On the same day the imposter

still representing himself as Mr Al

Mutawa, telephoned the plaintiff

suggesting that it telephone the bank for the reference. The plain-

tiff had agreed.

The plaintiff was then told by the

bank that Mr Al Mutawa had just

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honed the bank and that it

In July 1993 the imposter had

representation by the bank to the call: it informed the plaintiff that

proposition that where a former tenant was by agreement allowed to remain in possession after the termination of the tenancy, the question in each case was what the parties had in mind; depending on the circumstances, their conduct might give rise to a new tenancy a

arrangement in the instant case, on February 5, 1992 the parties plainly did not intend to create a new tenancy or licence but only to defer the execution of the order so long as Miss Burrows complied with the agreed conditions.

A secure tenancy under Part IV of the 1985 Act was not like an ordinary tenancy. It could only be terminated by order of the court, but even that was not final.

During the period between the date specified by the order for the giving of possession and the date on which the order was executed there was a period of limbo; the old tenancy had gone but might yet be revived by a further court order varying the date for possession. if the parties reached an agree

ment on continued occupation by the tenant during that limbo period, their agreement could and should take effect as they intended, that is, as an agreement by the landlords that, upon the tenant complying with the agreed con-ditions, the landlords would forbear from executing the order, that is, from taking the step which would finally put an end to the tenant's right to apply to the court There was no need to impute to

tion of possession and the payment of rent related to occupation under the old tenancy which was in limbo but which might be revived. In those circumstances it was fair to characterise the former tenant as a trespasser whom the landlord had agreed not to evict, a

the parties an intention to create a

new tenancy or licence: the reten-

tolerated trespasser, pending ei-ther the revival of the old tenancy Although the old secure tenancy

Mr Al Mutawa was a respectable

and trustworthy person and that

he would not enter into any

transaction that he could not fulfil.

worth US \$450,000 to the imposter who in purported payment handed the plaintiff a handwritten instruc-

tion to the bank to pay the plaintiff

The bank refused to honour the

instruction because, as it readily saw and later confirmed with Mr

Al Mutawa, he had not given it.

The basis of the plaintiff's claim

against the bank was not that the

information given was negligent as a report about Mr Al Mutawa

but that the bank negligently and mistakenly confirmed the plain-

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That conversation satisfied the

tence so that the neither the repairing coverants nor the Defective Premises Act 1972 applied, the tenant could at any time go to court to revive the tenancy by varying the date on which possession was to be given. There could be little doubt that the court would make the order if the tenant had complied with the agreed conditions.

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LORD JAUNCEY, concurring, said the court's power to make an order postponing the date of possession could be exercised on the application of either party at any time prior to execution of that order and even after the secure tenancy had ended by reason of section 82(2).

However, whereas an order postponing the date of possession necessarily affected the operation of section 82(2), an order staying or suspending the execution of an order for possession on a stated date had no effect on the operation of that subsection but merely postponed execution so long as the conditions of suspension were complied with.

The reference to mesne profits in section 82/34a) was relevant to the suspension as well as to any period of occupation between the termination of a tenancy under section 82 and the subsequent postponement of the date of possession under section 85(2)(a).

The words showed that Act contemplated the court requiring post-termination payments to be made by an occupier which were of a nature wholly inconsistent with the existence of any tenancy in his or her favour.

During the period between the termination of the secure tenancy and either its revival or the execution of the order for possession the occupation of the former secure tenant derived not from any new lease but from the provisions of the Act.

Lord Keith, Lord Griffiths and Lord Steyn agreed. Solicitors: Mr Paul Barber.

The judge had found the bank

liable because, not having given a disclaimer, it had assumed a duty

of care to the plaintiff and had

broken that duty in confirming the

identity of the person with whom it

Thus the question was whether

the bank in giving the reference assumed and breached a duty to

Mr Al Mutawa as the person with whom the plaintiff was dealing.

ferent types of duty under consid-

any, circumstances pointed to a

clear assumption by the bank of a duty to the plaintiff, not to Mr Al

from financial probity: see per Lord Browne-Wilkinson in White v

lones (1995) 2 AC 207, 273); per

Lord Pearce in Hedley Byrne & Co.

Lid v Heller & Partners Lid (1964)

465, 539) and per Lord Bridge of

Harwich in Caparo Industries ple

v Dickman (1990) 2 AC 605, 620).

The bank's opening casual re-mark to the plaintiff could not

amount to a representation that

the person with whom the plaintiff

was dealing was Mr Al Mutawa. The plaintiff's only request had been for a bank reference in

respect of Mr Al Mutawa and

there was no reason why the bank

should have foreseen that the

plaintiff might want information

outside the normal scope of a bank It was undoubtedly their joint

did not create a duty on the bank to

convert the bank's remarks into a

representation as to identity on

which it should have foreseen the

The judge's finding on the issue

as to duty of care should be

plaintiff would rely.

understanding that Mr Mutawa was the man with whom the plaintiff was dealing, but that

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The judge had failed to direct his

the plaintiff correctly to iden

was dealing as Mr Al Mutawa.

Brent; Daniel & Harris, Kilburn.

Copies were supplied in breach of undertaking

Bentley and Another v Gaisford and Another

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Henry Hudgment October 211

A solicitor who gave an undertaking to hold documents to the account or to the order of another firm of solictors in the interest of preserving that firm's retaining lien for a client's unpaid fees, was in breach of the undertaking if he photocopied the documents and sent the copies to the client.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of Keith Anthony Charles Bentley, a solicitor, and Hewen & Co. a firm of solicitor, against the order of Judge William Crawford. QC, sitting as a High Court judge on March 12, 1996 whereby he dismissed the plaintiffs applica-tion. The defendants, Robert Edmund Gaisford, a solicitor, and Sinclair. Roche & Temperley, a firm of solicitors, were the respondents to the appeal.

Mr John Cherryman, QC and Mr David Bailey for the plaintiffs; Mr Peter Gross. QC and Mr David Allen for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that the plaintiffs acted as solic-itors for a client in Beijing who terminated their retainer arbitration and instructed them to send all relevant documents to the defendants, another firm of solicitors. The first solicitors made the documents available to the second solicitors on the latter's undertaking no hold the documents/our file

ing fees/disbursements". Mr Gaisford, the partner in the second solicitors dealing with the matter, as a result of concerns which were subsequently acknowledged by Mr Bentley, the partner dealing with the matter in the first solicitors, to be both genuine and reasonable, photocopied the entire ile and sent copies to the clients in

Thus, the value of the first solicitors' retaining lien for unpaid fees and disbursements of some whom it was dealing was Mr Al £14,000 was rendered worthless as he clients ceased to have any need for the original documents which

were returned to the first solicitors. The first solicitors now sought orders that the second solicitors deliver up the documents and any photocopies taken of them, that they be restrained from using any such documents and photocopies for the purposes of the arbitration. and financial compensation for breach of their undertaking to hold the papers to the first solicitors'

The judge below refused them any relief. He held that in taking the photocopies and sending them to the client, the second solicitors had not breached their

In order to obtain wider protec-tion the first solicitors should not have relied on the words "hold to our account" but should have required undertakings not to copy the documents for any purpose other than the preparation of a defence and counterclaim and not to supply their clients with any

But that reasoning assumed that it was necessary to obtain from the before the lien survived at all. That was clearly contrary to the way the Court of Appeal decided Caldwell

v Sumpters (1972) 1 Ch 478).
The decided cases would indicate that the practice of solicitors who had been dismissed by their clients but whose fees had not been

our account" or "to hold to our order" was well established. Because the present case was the first of its kind his Lordship would conclude that it was a practice which had led to little difficulty in

the real world. He would allow the appeal and hold that in copying every document in every file and sending copies of all those documents to the client, the second solicitors were in breach of the first solicitors' lien.

In making that finding he made it clear that he did not wish to cast any doubt on the good faith or integrity of Mr Gaisford, whom he was sure held the view contained in his affidavit and acted as he did in the belief that he was properly discharging his duty to his client and acting in a way which was not breach of the first solicitors' lien. However, in his Lordship's judg-

ment, this was one of those rare cases where it was inappropriate to order any relief. The client now had the necessary papers and documents relating to the arbitration, albeit that they were copies of the documents which were originally held by the first solicitors.

In those circumstances it would be pointless to order the second solicitors to deliver up the copies that they had of those documents. to order that the second solicitors using such papers or documents in

the arbitration. Neither was it a case in which it was appropriate to order compensation. The principles upon which the courts would order a solicitor to pay compensation for breach of an undertaking were set out in Udall v Capri Lighting Ltd fin Liquidation) ([1988] 1 QB 907, 916-918) by the Court of Appeal.

Simple breach of the undertaking was not sufficient to lead to an award of compensation under the summary jurisdiction of the courts to deal with breaches of undertaking by a solicitor.

Compensation was only available where the conduct of the solicitor was inexcusable and such as to merit reproof. That was not the case with Mr Gaisford's

Consequently his Lordship would allow the appeal, reverse the finding of the court below that the defendants were not in breach of the plaintiffs lien, make a discharge the orders dismissing the plaintiffs' application and the the defendants' costs of the proceedings in that court, but he would, exercising this court's discretion, decline to grant any of the relief sought by the plaintiffs. LORD JUSTICE HENRY.

concurring, said that the sub-mission made, in the fifth decade of the photocopier, that when one accepted documents subject to a one could in all circumstances immediately copy all documents so covered to the client was one be had never met in practice, and which had no authority behind it.

Were it not a novel suggestion. wreald expect authority dealing with the point, and/or that retaining liens would in practice be hedged about with "no copying" qualifications, and/or would become obsolete. Neither of those things had happened.

Any solicitor seeking to preserve fees, but public spiritedly not wishing to cause unnecessary difficulties for his client in the litigation, notwithstanding the

being copied to the client, and would provide accordingly if the lien did not already give him that protection in law.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, dissenting, said that in making copies of the documents and sending the copies to the client he acted in good faith in pursuance of his dury to his client; in so doing, he was using the documents for a purpose connected with the arbitration. He agreed with the judge below that Mr Gaisford was

not in breach of his undertaking. Even if, contrary to the views he had expressed, the taking of copies of the documents was a breach of the second solicitors' undertaking to hold the documents to the firs solicitors' order, he would not order for compensation ought to be

It was accented that Mr. Gaisford acted in good faith and in pursuance of what he regarded as his duty to his client. If he was, unwittingly, in breach of the undertaking, his breach was brought about by the failure of the first solicitors, in seeking the undertaking, to be explicit as to what Mr Gaisford could and could not do with the documents. In could not be regarded as inexcus-

He would dismiss the appeal He was therefore in agreement with Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Henry that no substantive order in favour of the plaintiffs should be made.

His Lordship, however, desired to make clear his opinion that where, as here, an appeal had failed to achieve any of the substantive relief for which it was brought, an order that the appeal

tion of the result. if the purpose of such an order was to serve as a vehicle for an order for costs in favour of the ostensibly successful, but in reality

unsuccessful, party, it was an unnecessary device. The court had in any event a full discretion in respect of costs. The question whether an order of the court should express an dismissed should, in his opinion, depend upon whether the appellant had or had not succeeded in

obtaining on appeal some sub-stantive relief not obtained below or in obtaining the discharge of some substantive relief granted below. The result of the appeal was that neither of those thing had been obtained In Lake v Lake ([1955] P 336) it

that appeals lay against orders made, not against the reasons given for the making of the orders. That principle had, so far as he see also Note 59/1/6 to Order 59 at p923 in The Supreme Court Pracrice 1997. Since an appeal could not be

brought against reasons but only against the order made, it seemed follow that an appeal which failed to achieve any alteration in the order was an appeal which had failed notwithstanding that the appellant might have succeeded in the trial judge.
In his opinion, the concurring

judgments of Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Henry on this appeal ought to lead to an order that the appeal be dismissed. The order to be made, however, had to be the order they had prescribed. The appeal would be allowed. Solicitors: Hewett & Co; Sinclair,

Firearms offence sentences

Regina v Clarke (Terry)

In sentencing an offender for possession of a firearm without a certificate it was no longer appro-priate to apply authorities arising before the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

The Court of Appeal (Lord reversed and the appeal allowed. justice Stuart-Smith, Mr Justice Lord Justice Nourse and Sir Mantell and Mr Justice Moses) so Patrick Russell agreed. stated on October 3 in dismissing Solicitors: Wedlake Bell; Richan appeal by Terry Clarke against

interview.

imposed by Judge Petre at Chelms-ford Crown Court on May 24, 1996, on a plea of guilty to pos firearm without a certificate. He had also pleaded guilty to possess ing a firearm when prohibited and possessing a class B drug for which concurrent prison terms of two years and three months respectively were imposed.

> MR JUSTICE MOSES said that it was quite clear that Parliament in the 1994 Act rook the view that

sentences for firearms offences had been too low in the past.

Taking that into account, to gether with the words of Sir Tasket Watkins in R v Ecclestone ((1995) 16 Cr App R (S) 9. (1) to the effect that the time had come for the authorities to be reviewed, it was their Lordships' opinion that previous cases were no longer to be considered as apt guidance as to what was an appropriate sentence in firearms cases.

Regina v Condron (William) Regina v Condron (Karen) Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith. Mr Justice Mantell and Mr Justice

[Judgment October 17]

The essential points recommended in R v Cowan [1996] QB 373] to be included in a judge's direction to the jury as to what inferences they could reasonably draw from the accused's failure to give evidence ulso applied where a jury was being reminded of the circumstances in which a proper inference might be drawn where the accused had failed to answer questions when interviewed.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in a reserved judgment dismissing appeals by William Condron and Karen Condron against their convictions in November 1995 at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court (Judge Thomas and a jury) of being concerned in supplying a controlled Class A drug, diamorphine, to another and of possessing a controlled Class A drug with intent to supply to another for which William Condron was sentenced to four years imprisonment and Karen Condron to three years imprisonment on each count

concurrent. Mr Antony Shaw QC, who did not appear below, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant: Mr Edmund Lawson, QC, who did not appear below, and Mr Mark Seymour for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH. delivering the judgment of the court, said that after

observation of the appellants flat over a period of four days police officers entered, searched and photographed and the appellants

At the police station their solicitor, who considered that they were unfit to be interviewed owing to their drug withdrawal symptoms. advised them not to answer questions. However, the force medical examiner considered them fit for

Neither made any comment to the questions put to them about incidents recorded in the police observation. At the trial the appellants gave evidence, each admitting to being a heroin addict but denying that heroin was ever supplied in the way or for the purpose alleged by the prosecution

They were cross-examined on their failure to mention certain important aspects of their defence at interview. The reason they gave for not doing so was the advice of

In summing up the judge directed the jury that it was a matter for them to decide whether any adverse inference should be drawn against the appellants from their failure to mention certain facts at interview. On appeal, Mr Shaw criticised

that direction in that, although it closely followed the current specimen direction suggested by the Judicial Studies Board, it did not go far enough. Mr Shaw relied on a dictum of

Lord Diplock in Kwan Ping Bong v The Queen (1979) AC 609, 615G) and the judgment of the Court of Appeal in R v Cowan in which Lord Taylor of Gosforth. Lord

Chief Justice, had highlighted certain essentials for a direction as to what inferences the jury could reasonably draw from the defendant's failure to give evidence, a matter dealt with under section 35

of the Criminal Justice and Public

Order Act 1994.

Their Lordships considered that it was desirable that a direction on the same lines should be given in relation to section 34 where an accused had failed to answer questions when interviewed.

Nevertheless, there was substandence of drug supply by the appellants and there was accordingly nothing unsafe in their

Both counsel invited the court to give some guidance as to the rocedure to be adopted if a challenge was to be mounted to the admissibility of a "no-comment" interview or submissions made as to the drawing of adverse inferences and also on the question of legal professional privilege, if the defendant asserted, as the appellants did in this case, that they had refused to answer on their

solicitor's advice. Their Lordships did not wish to lay down a hard and fast procedure since each case depended on its own particular facts.

If and when the accused gave evidence and mentioned facts which, in the view of prosecuting counsel, he could reasonably have been expected to mention in interview, he could be asked why he did not mention them.

The accused's attention would then no doubt be drawn to any

When accused fails to answer questions asked at interview and his explanations for his failure could

be tested in cross-examination. submit that the judge should not invite the jury to consider drawing adverse inferences, in the ordinary way that submission should be made in the absence of the jury at the conclusion of the evidence.

If the accused gave as a reason for not answering questions that he had been advised by his solicitor not to do so, that advice did not, in their Lordships' judgment amount to a warver o privilege.

But equally that bare assertion was unlikely by itself to be regarded as a sufficient reason for not mentioning matters relevant to the defence.

So it would be necessary, if the accused wished to invite the court not to draw an adverse inference to go further and state the basis or reason for the advice.

Although the matter was not fully argued, it seemed to their Lordships that once that was done ir might well amount to a waiver of privilege, so that the accused, or if his solicitor was also called, the solicitor, could be asked whether there were any other reasons for the advice and the nature of the advice given, so as to explore whether the advice might also

have been given for tactical It was probably desirable that the judge should warn counsel. or the accused, that the privilege might be taken to have been rived, if the accused gave evidence of the nature of the advice.

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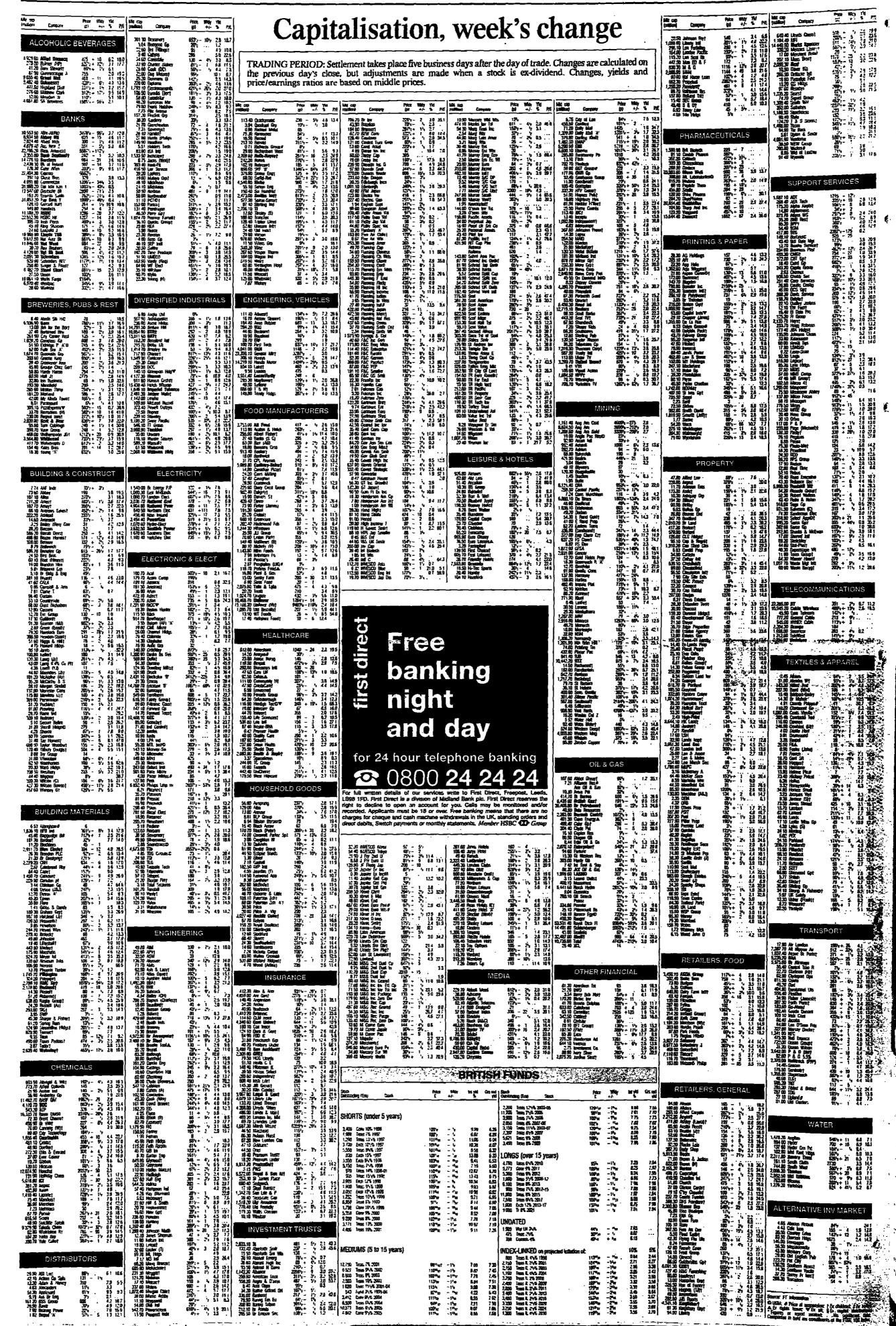
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from Thames. Pre-tax profits are

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cused on the dividend, which

should be up by about 18 per cent,

at 10.5p net. The figures will have

been bolstered by an increase in

new connections, but held back

by the cost of financing last year's share buyback.

ABF: Brokers will be looking for

evidence of a slowdown when

Associated British Foods publish-

es full-year figures this morning.

Brokers are looking for an 11 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to

about £415 million, with earnings

growing 8 per cent, to 30p per

share. Retail operations in Brit-

ain and Ireland will provide the

main boost to profits, with British

Sugar suffering from a rundown

in stocks of sugar. Once again,

the figure will be boosted by

returns on cash, which are

after last year's strong growth.

Profits from brewing and pubs

are expected to be up on last year

in spite of continuing competition

from duty-free "booze cruises".

The net payout is likely to grow

NATIONAL GRID: Interim figures out tomorrow will be the

first since the group accepted the

tough pricing policy of RPI

minus 4 per cent proposed by the

regulator after the company's

stock market debut. Pre-tax prof-

its are expected to be up from £278.9 million to £304 million,

with the group having already

forecast a 9 per cent increase in

by 8 per cent, to 6.2p.

million to £735 million.



TODAY

Interims: Blacks Leisure, Capital Gearing Trust, London & Overseas Freighters, Shoprite Group, Telewest Communications Cable (2001) ications Cable (Q3), UMECO. Finals: Associated British

Economic statistics: UK provisional M0 figures for October, UK September housing starts and completions. US September construction spending, September industrial output for Japan.

TOMORROW

Interims: Anglian Water, Brit-ish Airways, British Petroleum (Q3), Dairy Crest Group, Marks & Spencer, Mercury Asset Management, National Grid, Powerscreen Interest Powerscreen International,

Finals: Bellway, Cariton Com-munications, Frederick Cooper, Creston Land & Estates, Lowland Investment Company, Stratagem.

Economic statistics: UK September industrial and manufacturing output, US presidential election, US September housing completions, Bundesbank calls for repos.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Charles Stanley Group, Johnson Group Cleaners, Luminar, Westbury. Finals: MMT Computing, Northern Venture Trust, UPF

Group. Economic statistics: UK October car registrations, UK Bank of England *Inflation Report*, Bundesbank awards repos.

THURSDAY

Interims: Boots, Cullen's Holdings, Hambro Insurance, Raymond Industrial, Somic, Staveley Industries, Warner Howard, Yates Brothers Wine

Finals: J Bibby, Burton Group, Kwik Save Group, J Smart & Co (Contractors)

Economic statistics: Confederation of British Industry distributive trades survey for October, US weekly jobless claims, US non-farm productiv-ity (Q3), US September con-sumer credit, Bundesbank

FRIDAY

Interims: English National Investment, Skandia In-surance, Unilever (Q3). Finals: None scheduled.



M&S aims to be top of the shops

MARKS & SPENCER: The jewel in the high street crown, as it is often described, aims to be the first to shine tomorrow in a week that sees several top retailers displaying their wares. The City is hoping for positive news from the group at the half-way stage, since the figures will be accompanied by a presentation for brokers, for the first time at this stage of proceedings.

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The improvement in consumer confidence during the past year should be reflected in pre-tax profits growing from £387.1 million to between £443 million and £460 million. Earnings per share are expected to have grown by between 15 and 20 per cent, to about 11p. Sales during the first quarter were almost 9 per cent ahead, with M&S probably rais-

ing its share of the market. Financial services are expected to show a solid improvement, and the performance of overseas stores is also expected to be better. Shareholders should be rewarded with a '2p increase in the dividend to 3.5p.

BURTON GROUP: There should be a similar message from Burton Group, whose chief executive is John Hoerner, when it reports full-year figures on Thursday. The estimate for pretax profits ranges from £145 million to £150 million, compared with £93.1 million last time.

A trading statement in July indicated sales growth of more than 10 per cent, with gross margins up by about 2 percentage points. Little is likely to have happened to spoil that picture.

Earnings should be up by 50 per cent, to 7.7p a share, although expansion plans, which include acquisitions, may serve to slow overall progress. Margins have continued to improve throughout the year. A 1p rise in the net dividend to 2.7p is forecast.

BOOTS: The prospect of an end to price controls on over-thecounter drug sales has overshadowed the group in recent weeks, but should do nothing to detract from a bumper set of half-year figures on Thursday. These are expected to reveal pre-tax profits of between £230 million and £235



million, compared with E217.9

million last time. First-quarter sales at its chemist shops were 6.6 per cent higher on the back of a strong performance by own-label goods. The improved housing market will have been good news for the company's Do It All and AG Stanley stores. However, the buyback of 51.36 million shares at 580p will have held back profits, as will the absorption of 100 per cent of the Do It All losses.

BRITISH PETROLEUM: The strength of crude oil prices on

world markets should be fully reflected in third-quarter figures tomorrow, with net income up from £596 million to between £630 million and £636 million. This boost to upstream activities should more than compensate for any decline downstream, such as refining and chemical production. Nevertheless, earnings are unlikely to show the sort of growth achieved in the second quarter because of a squeeze on refining margins caused by the rapid rise in the price of oil and the lag in realising higher prices for Alas-kan oil production.

UNILEVER: Growing one-off charges are expected to take the gloss off third-quarter performance when the Anglo-Dutch group reports on Friday. Pre-tax profits up from £786 million to between £804 million and £820 million are forecast after an increase in "exceptional" charges of £33 million to £50 million, reflecting the acquisition of Diversy. Earnings should have kept pace, with a rise of 2 per cent to 26.5p per share.

ANGLIAN WATER: Half-year figures tomorrow are unlikely to the payout to 4.45p per share. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Inflation in the spotlight

he Bank of England's quarterly Inflation Report will come under careful scrutiny when it is published on Wednesday, as the City hunts for any evidence that the Bank wants further base rate increases. Economists are divided on whether the Bank believes last week's quarter-point rise is sufficient tightening. However, combined with the recent rise in sterling, the Chancellor's move may have done just enough to ease the Bank's pressure for rate increases.

The September figures for industrial production and manufacturing output, to be published on Tuesday, are the most important domestic statistics. Friday's increase in the purchasing managers index backed evidence from other data, such as the CBI quarterly industrial trends survey, which have shown output picking up in recent months. MMS International expects this to be reflected in the official figures, after the output fall in August, with manufacturing output expected to show a 0.7 per cent monthly increase. taking annual growth to 0.4 per cent.

The CBI distributive trades survey, to be released on Wednesday, is likely to show continued growth in consumer spending. Figures for MO, the measure of narrow money supply, will be published today. MMS predicts a rise in the annual rate from 7 per cent to 7.3 per cent for October.

thought to have risen from £601 The US scene will be dominated by tomorrow's elections, with the markets' WHITBREAD: Half-year figbiggest concern being the Federal Reserve ures tomorrow will be bolstered Bank's reaction if the Democrats win back by recent acquisitions, including Congress. Analysts predict that the Fed David Lloyd and Marriott, the could quickly raise rates if it believes the hotel chain. Pre-tax profit esti-Democrats are about to loosen fiscal policy. mates range from £170 million to In Germany, the Bundesbank Council is to meet on Thursday, but policy changes are not expected. On Monday, German manu-£173 million, compared with £156 million last time. The contribution from the new acquisitions is facturing output figures for September are expected to be about £17 million, expected to show strong growth of 0.3 per helping to offset any slowdown cent. However, an expected rise in the jobless on the restaurant and leisure side figures should ease worries on inflation.

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Car Group float heralds 'supermarket' expansion

By Jason Nissé

A MOTOR dealer floating on the stock market next month aims to revolutionise the buying of cars by investing up to £250 million in building a chain of a dozen car supermarkets stretching from Kent to

The Car Group is due to announce its flotation this week, raising £15 million of new money and valuing the group, which was a £23 million management buy-in backed by NatWest Ventures

just eight months ago, at £40

With the float Car. where Martyn Doherty is managing director, will announce ambitious plans to expand its car supermarket concept, which it currently runs from a six-acre site at Cannock in the Midlands.

The current supermarket sells nearly 20,000 cars a year. with about 1,000 on display. In the year to August its operating profit was £5.3 million,

display and will cost between compared with £4.5 million. £20 million and £25 million The supermarket sells only each to build and stock. In second-hand cars and specialaddition, Car is expanding its ises in low mileage cars, which it largely buys at auctions or Cannock supermarket by from fleet owners such as another eight acres. The com-

pany has already signed up rental companies. Peter King, who joined as for a site near Northampton and has received planning chief executive this year having been one of the founders of consent. Four other sites have Proton Cars (UK), says the already been identified in South Wales, Greater Manplan is to open 11 new sites chester, near the M62 in over the next four years. Yorkshire, and the outskirts of

These will be spread over ten acres, have 2,000 cars on

Mr King says Car hopes to spread its range of vehicles on offer to eventually include new cars. "New car manufacturers will want to ally themselves with dealers who have proven they can move metal, and we will show them that we can do that," said Mr King.

The car supermarket con-cept, if successful, is expected to revolutionise car buying in the UK. Customers are not offered any discounts on the prices quoted, which have an inbuilt sales margin which is lower than at most motor

Most of the main manufacturers are moving towards larger sites, with Rover and Ford recently announcing that they are cutting back on dealers.

ITN fights pensions ruling

By Caroline Merrell

ITN has launched a legal challenge to a decision by the Pensions Ombudsman to uphold a claim by one of its former employees for guaranteed pension increases.

If ITN fails in its attempt to overturn the decision, then many more of its employees may claim improved

The year-long dispute be-tween ITN and Peter Ward, one of its retired employees. concerns whether his pen-

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ner cent a year. ITN and the trustees of its pension scheme disputed that the scheme's rules made any such guarantee, while Mr Ward claimed that documentation concerning the pension suggested that these increases

were guaranteed. The Pensions Ombudsman decided that Mr Ward had a right to increases based on the portion of his pension accrued before October 19, 1979. The

ruling stated: "The past trustees and the company were guilty of maladministration causing injustice in the form of disappointment and distress in misleading the complainant by indicating that all pensions in payment would be increased by 4 per cent per

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. Steel unions in US-style drive for recognition

By PHILIP BASSEIT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEADERS of Britain's steelworkers will today unveil a new. American-style campaign to persuade private steel companies to recogn se trade unions in advance of the possible election of a Labour Covernment

Steel unions will use some American techniques for the first time in Britain. They will also draw on successful cam-

Open skies deal back on table

By KEITH RODGERS

THE UK and US Governments resume talks in Washington on Wednesday over an "open skies" agreement. The liberalisation issue, reopened at America's request, is a key element of plans by British Airways to form an alliance with American Airlines. Ian Lang President of

the Board of Trade, has been considering for a month an Office of Fair Trading report on whether the alliance should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It also faces investigation in the US, where USAir, BA's associate, has been fighting the rival link.

BA is trying to avoid losing slots at Heathrow and could are outlying domestic routes if forced to do so. Last month the

take-off and landing slots. BA announces its interim profits tomorrow, with analysts forecasting pre-tax profits of up to £475 million (£430 million) for the first half. The dividend is exto 4.24p per share.

GRAHAM MELMOTH, who

today takes over as head of CWS. Europe's biggest Co-operative retailer, plans to relauch talks aimed at a merger with the Co-operative

Retail Society (CRS), its big-gest rival within the British

The last efforts to bring the two sides together broke down

in 1994. Mr Melmoth, 58, who has worked for CWS for 21 years, said: "If anyone can bring CWS and CRS together

it is me." But he cautioned that

it is something that "is likely to

happen in the medium rather

Once Britain's leading food Overtaken by J Sainsbury.

Tesco, Saleway and Asda and

have lost market share to

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European Commission in-

legalise trade in airport

paigns by UK trade unions to persuade British companies to introduce European-style works councils, in spite of the Government's opt-out from the European social chapter.

Leaders of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC) and the AEEU engineering union will today open their campaign when they unveil huge billboard posters directly outside a steel company which has derecognised the unions.

American unions have successfully used such direct methods over the past two or three years in the US, but the move at Co-Steel in Sheerness in Kent today is believed to be the first time such forms of socalled corporate campaigning have been used in the UK. aimed at "shaming" the company into changing its policy.

In their new campaign, the unions will argue explicitly that companies will be com-pelled by a new Labour Government to recognise a trade union where there is majority workforce support — so they should accept that, recognise unions now and work in partnership with them. The unions are linking the move directly to the campaign on works councils.

As well as Co-Steel, the unions' first targets will be Johnson Matthey in north London, followed by Albion Press Metals, part of the German Thyssen group. US unions will join today's campaign, and the steel unions are seeking help from the giant IG Metall German union over Albion.

Keith Brookman, ISTC general secretary, thinks the time is now ripe for the union's nationwide initiative. He says: Employers know the day is coming when they will no longer be able to deny unions recognition. Employees realise more than ever that they need the strength of a union around them. Public percepdramatically."

New CWS chief plans

merger talks with rival

off the beaten track, in small

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CWS owns 700 food shops.

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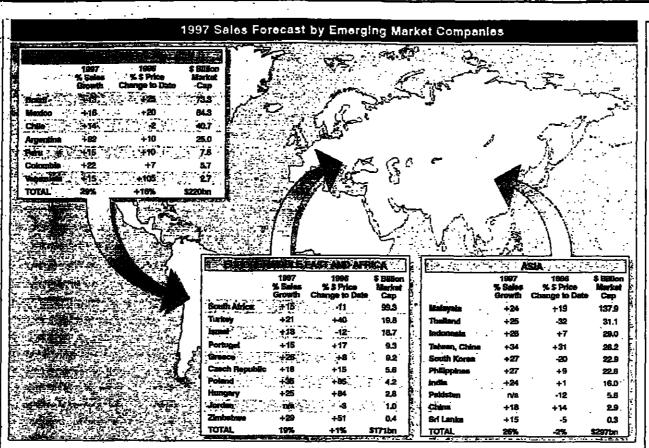
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Gossip 'drives new markets'

By MARTIN WALLER

THE biggest survey yet of emerging stock markets around the world confirms what many have long suspected - that new markets are driven more by speculation. rumour and gossip than by research and fundamentals. However, the study, to be published tomorrow and based

on the views of companies making up more than half the world's emerging markets, does suggest in which areas potential growth has yet to be recognised by the local exchange. Tempest, a City management consultancy to the securities industry, sought

opinions on the best stockbro-

kers and fund managers from 276 companies, which between them make up 52 per cent of the \$688 billion at which global emerging markets are capitalised.

Tempest also sought the fund managers' views on local brokers and on the companies themselves. Stephen Parker, a director of Tempest, said that fund managers investing in emerging markets fell into two camps, those taking a spread of investments almost at random and those trying to research qualitative data about individual companies.

on emerging markets, and this

massive knowledge problem," he said. "It's all about company contact — if you don't have that, you just don't

understand what's going on." Tempest tracked the movements last year on the markets throughout the world and asked the companies in them what they expected their turnover growth to be this year. Some countries showed a sharp mismatch. In some local markets had lagged behind even though growth in the future was expected to be explosive.

The map shows that in popular with fund managers

seeking growth markets share prices outperformed significantly last year. By contrast, in Chile and Colombia, and in Indonesia, India and the Philippines, potential growth expected by local industry has not been matched

by rises on local exchanges. Tempest spoke to fund managers controlling more than half the estimated \$135 billion of emerging markets' capitalisation that is "free float" money, not locked away in govern-ment, family or friendly bank ownership. The survey found a lack of reliable and meaningful data available - Mr Parker's "knowledge problem" — which left share prices to be driven by stories and speculation rather than by fundamentals.

"Everything is so dis-persed," Mr Parker said. How do you cut your way through? What we have identified in the survey is those who are particularly good at this. "We're used to near-perfect

markets in the UK and the US. The rewards are enormous for somebody who can really understand the emerging markets. Poland and Hungary both grew by more than 80 per cent in 1996, for example. There are some fund management groups out there who have invested time and money in setting to know the com

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lloyd's syndicates 'to face crippling taxes'

LLOYD'S OF LONDON syndicates face crippling Inland Revenue bills as they start to make profits after years of heavy losses, it has been claimed. Corporate members of syndicates are required to pay corporation tax on profits they distribute to investors. Colin Czapiewski, a partner with Lane Clarke and Peacock, the consulting actuary, said that as profits improve, syndicates will come under pressure from the Revenue to pass on more of the profits. rather than keeping them in the reserves in case of future losses. He claims that as a consequence they will also have to pay more tax.

Mr Czapiewski said: "Hundreds of syndicates could be affected and the Revenue could net millions of pounds, depending on how good a year it has been for Lloyd's. They will be encouraged to run down the reserves to satisfy the Revenue. I do not believe it is fair for syndicates to be penalised for holding back profits in case of unforeseen losses in the future. That is a piece of sound business practice." A spokeswoman for the Inland Revenue said: "We cannot speculate on the level of corporation tax syndicates will be liable for in coming years."

Boom and bust of euro

BRITAIN'S entry into a European currency could cause a shortterm boom followed swiftly by a recession or a massive tax rise to avoid overheating, according to Oxford Economic Forecasting. The boom would be triggered by interest rates falling to continental levels, producing accelerating inflation and a loss of competitiveness that could not be relieved by devaluation. On Wednesday, the European Commission is expected to produce forecasts suggesting that key countries will, after all, qualify for the single currency in 1997 by meeting the Maastricht tests.

Britain lags behind

LEADING companies in The Netherlands and Germany are well ahead of their British counterparts in preparing for a European currency and have a more realistic idea of the cost, according to a survey for CMG, the computer software group. In a sample of 200, equally split, four out of five finance directors in the UK supported sterling's absorption, but fewer than one in ten thought this would involve big changes in their information technology, against more than half in Germany and The Netherlands.

Managers lack key skills

BRITAIN'S small business managers acknowledge today that they lack a range of key business skills. A report by the Institute of Management, representing 73,000 managers and 700 firms, produced with the University of Cambridge, shows that managers in small firms are aware that they lack important skills and need considerable training. Some 56 per cent of managers say they lack strategy and planning skills; 54 per cent lack skills in training, development, marketing and sales; and half say they have insufficient leadership skills.

Pay deals hold steady

PAY settlements are remaining level, with more than nine out of ten recent deals giving inflation-plus rises, according to a new analysis of wage deals by Incomes Data Services, the independent pay research company. In its latest report, IDS says that two thirds of all pay deals in the last four months have been between 3 per cent and 4 per cent, although IDS also casts doubt on ideas of growing labour market flexibility. suggesting that there is a great deal more stable, permanent ployment in the economy than some studies s

Ten-year wait for a phone By Clare Stewart

HOUSEHOLDERS in Uzbekistan face an average wait of ten years for a home telephone line and only 40 per cent of town-dwelling Albanians have a piped water supply, according to a new report by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. The EBRD's 1996 Transi-

tion Report finds that, seven years after the fall of the Berlin

siderable progress in opening up trade and privatising small enterprises. However, Nicholas Stern, EBRD chief economist, says: "Some of the more

difficult tasks ... such as enterprise restructuring, the rehabilitation and rebuilding of infrastructure, and the building of strong financial and legal institutions, have a long way to go."
The report h

year by Romania, Albania and many parts of the CIS in privatising large enterprises.

as Estonia and the Czech Republic have begun to privatise major utilities and transport. Hungary is singled out for its progress in utility privatisation and in introducing "private-sector finance in road-building.

The EBRD notes weakness nist countries have made con- vances made over the past Eastern Europe and the CIS. panies themselves."

Vote of

Executive share options are the best way to link boardroom rewards with company performance, a team of economists has concluded. Rejecting the Greenbury committee's clampdown on options, Brian Main, Trevor Buck and Alistair Bruce, writing in the latest issue of the Economic Journal, argue that options should replace more of existing basic pay and bonuses. They say that many of the long-term incentive plans now being introduced with the blessing of the Greenbury report are more obscure than the share option plans they replace.

The Government's tax exemption for workplace nurseries has failed in its objective of improving childcare for working parents, a labour market pressure group says today. The Campaign for Tax Relief and Childcare says that the tax exemption for workplace nurseries has led to no net increase in childcare provi-sion, and it calls on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to extend the exemption to all forms of employer-funded

FULL POME

the country's Co-ops. CRS

controls a further 20 per cent.

CWS also has interests in funerals, milk processing and distribution, travel, farming and garages. The Co-operative

Bank and CIS insurance com-

pany are wholly owned subsidiaries.

Mr Melmoth, who replaces David Skinner, 65, who is retiring, said the board of CWS

was looking at possibilities of closer links between the two

financial services companies.

but said a full merger of the

bank and insurer was unlikely.

CHANGE ON WEEK

1.6375 (+0.0337) German mark 2,4836 (+0.0397) Exchange index 90.9 (+1.7) Bank of England official close (4pm)

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approval for share options

Tax relief plea

childcare, subject to a weekly limit of £42 per employee.

Biomedica plan

Oxford Biomedica today publishes the pathfinder prospectus for its 15 million capitalraising and flotation on the Alternative Investment Market, due in a month's time. The gene therapy specialist has a licence agreement with Cancer Research Campaign Technology for access to anti-cancer gene therapies and technologies from research and has acquired six patent applica-tions from Oxford University.

London boost

London's economy should grow by 4.6 per cent this year, more than twice the expected rate for the UK as a whole. according to projections from the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Unemployment is forecast to fall below 10 per cent for the first

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DIARY

Lyons' share for students

STUART LYONS has shown an unexpected poetic streak. The chairman and chief executive of Royal Doulton has translated into English all 103 of Horace's odes, now published by Staffordshire University Press, just down the road from Doulton. Lyons has included his own scholarly introduction and notes. The Fleeting Years: Odes of Horace from the Augustan Age of Rome is the first book from the Cambridge scholar. Lyons is donating the royalties to the disabled students' fund at Staffordshire University. "That's why I am being a little less than generous in free issues." he says.

BELATED congratulations to the Body Shop, winners of the PR Week Best International Campaign Award. The Roddick team must be particularly pleased with itself as this award was sponsored by Shandwick, the PR house that looks after Shell, whose Nigerian activities have at-tracted so much Roddick ire.

Nick's knack

W H SMITH is playing Cupid in the love life of Only Fools and Horses actor Nicholas Lyndhurst. Since he starred in the company's latest TV advertisement, he has been hounded by adoring male fans. smitten by his character, teenager Sacha Smith. Bill Cockburn, chief executive of WH Smith, is delighted that viewers are swamping the actor with love

WORD has it that Helen Bowden, former presenter of Woman's Hour and editor of news/current affairs at BBC Radio North, is to step into a newly created role as head of BBC Business. Bowden will have both radio and TV

Silly aisles

GET OUT those pension books, put on those glad rags, and boogie on down to your local Asda. Today and Wednesday the supermarket chain is offering customers over the age of 60 a 10 per cent discount on their shopping bill. Between 9am and 1lam, a free cuppa and an old-fashioned knees-up will also be thrown in. Music of the Twenties and dance bands of the Forties will screnade customers down the aisles as they go dewy eyed over the tinned Spam and mushy peas.

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Team talk

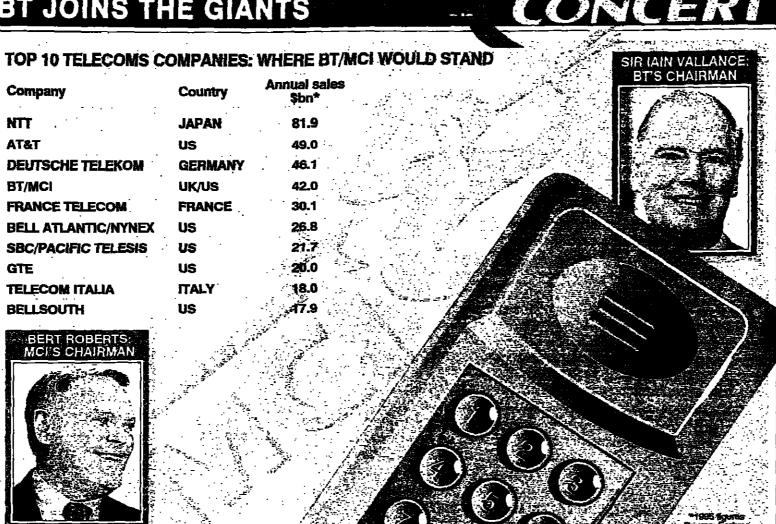
THE Broomball League kicks off at Broadgate today, with more than 100 firms set to play about 1,000 matches. Teams, however, are also competing for the most outrageous name. Hot contenders include The Cash Cows (Lehman's), Suffuse With Talent (NatWest), Mad Kenny's All Night Bankers (SBC Warburg) and The Masterful Mental Maple Leaves (Royal Bank of Canada).

Bluff called

EMPLOYEES at Winterflood Securities watched in amazement as managing director Brian Winterflood's legendary tan turned an unnatural shade of red. While showing off his bear pit to a visiting company chairman, he was keen to point out a notice on a nearby desk: "If the phone rings twice then this is a Mickey Mouse outfit." His guest chided him, so Winterflood suggested that he phone up one of his minions; it rang and rang, but was never answered. Furious, Winterflood stormed onto the trading floor in search of the culprit. "But you told us on no account to answer internal calls," called a sheepish voice.

MORAG PRESTON | Last week's move continues

BT JOINS THE GIANTS



BT takes a gamble on buccaneering MCI

British Telecom might end up locked in a price war with powerful competitors, says Carl Mortished

are more parochial. British Telecom and MCI formally Inc., the company has a history launched their merger proposof making strategic assaults al yesterday and the terms of on stodgy monopolies. From a the deal certainly make impressive reading. The talk tiny beginning building microfrom the two companies was wave towers linking American all about world leadership, a cities, the company ended up communications power house in an anti-trust court battle with AT&T that led in 1984 to the break up of Ma Bell into seven local Bells plus AT&T. and global reach; the largest ever transatlantic merger will send analysts and commenta-

tive talks global,

you can bet that his real concerns

tors reaching for superlatives. Since then, the long-distance They might be better off market has become a triopoly asking questions about the of AT&T, still on top, with MCI telecoms market in Cleveland. and Sprint in second and third position. But, this year, the US Ohio. Leicester in Britain, or Hanover in Germany. It is phone market is again in there that the changes are turmoil with the passing of the occurring. Long-distance and Federal Telecommunications international telephone traffic Act. The measure permits longis a tradeable commodity, but distance operators to enter in many areas local phone local markets and, under cerservices are still highly motain conditions, local players nopolistic. Deregulation of can sell long-distance services telecommunications is sendand even overseas calls. ing telecoms and media organ-

The door is open for a freeisations scurrying to form for-all with the buccaneering alliances to better sell myriad MCI and Sprint attempting to packaged phone, cable TV and muscle in on the 46 per cent information services to housegross margins available in the holds and businesses in the \$100 billion local market. Sir Jain Vallance, BT's chairman most affluent markets of North America and northmay now be enjoying a frisson of excitement at the thought of BT dominates the UK teleplaying the pirate after years suffering in silence while Merphony market. Mercury, its main rival, has not yet mountcury and the American cable TV operators stole BT's busied a significant threat to BT's

capacity. Small long-distance

this pattern. It is a stitch in

time that will help to cap the

eventual rate ceiling, not a

Against a backdrop of low inflation, a rising pound and

tight fiscal policy, rates of 6.5 or

6.75 per cent next year should

be enough to slow growth and

keep inflation low. As the risk

premium at the short end

slims, the ten-year gilt-bund

spread should return to the

low end of this year's 1.4 to 1.9

The economic backdrop does

not suggest that UK rates need

to rise much more sharply than

the external norm. True, the

UK economy is accelerating,

but so are other European

countries. Policy has been

eased more sharply there over

the past year. OECD leading

indicators and business sur-

veys have turned up across the

Continent. Manufacturing out-

per cent range.

hegemony, MCI, however, repness in Britain. resents much more than a link Yet, this could be an expenwith the second largest Amerisive venture and BT might end can long-distance service proup locked in a price war with vider. It is a huge gamble on more powerful competitors MCl's chance of taking over a large piece of the \$100 billion than Mercury. The problem with local phone networks is that unlike long-distance and local US phone market. BT's link with MCI has a international networks, they certain irony. Set up in 1968 as generally lack much spare

make a profit buying capacity from the big three at discounts of up to 40 per cent.

But the Baby Bells will argue that limited local capacity does not justify cheap access to interlopers and therefore the long-distance companies will have to work hard in cutting costs if they are to make a profit from secondhand local network traffic.

The option of building a new network is exnensive -- it would cost billions of dollars and could take three to four years to lay the foundations to reach a large market. There are other options: wireless telephony and alliances with cable companies.

AT&T has an important advantage in the former with its \$12 billion acquisition of McCaw Cellular in 1994, while Sprint is believed to be focusing on cable. Major cities are served by a host of cable companies, which leaves a long-distance operator with no means of accessing the market except via the Baby Bell.

MCI is spending heavily on exchanges to build a local loop. It has invested \$1 billion to date, serving 13 cities, which will rise to 25 by the end of the year. A further \$1 billion of investment will bring its local access to 40 cities next year. But Gerald Taylor, president and chief operating officer of MCl, reckons the benefits will be large from getting a finger in the local pie. He points out

Rate rise was a welcome stitch in time

GILT-EDGED

put growth is stronger in

UK inflation prospects are

similar to the G7 norm. Nom-

inal GDP is growing at about

the same rate as in the US, and

below the 5 per cent rate that

the Bank of England thinks

consistent with the inflation

target. The OECD and the IMF estimate the UK output

gap at around 2 per cent, about the European average. Broad

money growth in the UK and

Germany has been similar in

the past year and, on average,

Underlying inflation is be-

ing boosted by the oil price

spike and higher import costs

after last year's drop in the

pound, but these external

shocks are past their worst.

over the past four.

Germany than in the UK.

service providers are able to that currently 46 cents in every dollar of revenue goes to the Bell operating companies. "Last year, the long-distance industry paid \$22 billion to the Bells which originated or ter-minated in their networks."

But the Baby Bells are not crying. In April, Atlantic Bell announced a \$22 billion merger with Nynex, creating Bell Atlantic, a pool of 26 million customers accounting for 30 per cent the country's wealth. Atlantic Bell will be keen to tap the long-distance potential of their customer base from which a third of America's overseas phone calls originate. Today there are still constraints on how far Baby Bells can develop long-distance traffic. but the intent of new US law is for competition to grow. That suggests a price war could be locoming on local and national traffic, one that would make BT's domestic

BT is not a stranger to all this. The British company bankrolled MCI's ambitions as far back as 1994, then subscribing for 20 per cent of MCI's shares at a cost of \$4.2 billion and establishing a joint venture called Concert Communications Services. Since then, MCI has branched out into news media and entertainment, buying a stake in The News Corporation, the owner of The Times. Further investments by MCI include a \$1 billion investment in computing and communications technologies and a tie-up with Microsoft to develop Internet

Sterling's surge will help to

cut inflation to the EU norm

in 1997. The current account

UK fiscal trends are also

similar to the European norm.
On baseline plans for public spending, a neutral Budget

will imply fiscal tightening of

0.75 per cent of GDP next year,

near the EU average. Next

year's UK budget deficit

should be similar as a share of

The idea that the rate

hike will be offset by a

L loose Budget looks

wrong. Unsustainable tax-cut-

ting would generate little polit-

ical gain because voters would

fear that, as in 1992, taxes will

rise again after the election. I

suspect the Budget will be

Finally, the UK's political

risks are no greater than those

broadly neutral.

GDP to France and Germany.

es little threat.

headaches look trivial.

services. Such investments are likely to continue or even accelerate; the battle for customers in the US market is focusing on how to offer a bundle of services to the phone users. Typically, the deal will be local and long-distance traffic, mobile phone and internet access. Much the same will apply in Britain where BT at last faces crossthe-board competition from Mercury and three cable

companies. BT is obviously paying a premium to MCl although yesterday analysts were undecided how to value it exactly. MCI's earnings are growing at 12 per cent. Add to that costs savings and BT's rate of growth could double to 10 per cent while earnings dilution from the new shares should not be great. For BT, this deal would put a positive seal on a trying year that saw its planned merger with C&W scuppered. After that, the company saw its continental European ambitions effectively torn apart when RWE. its potential German partner, defected to

For BT, it is a gamble, but it should know something about competing in local markets. Yet BT investors may wonder what MCI is risking in this deal. In return for loss of control, MCI investors receive almost a third more for their shares than the market price, but they also get BT's cash flow thrown in for free. That means promises of more dividend and share buybacks and backing for a huge investment in local telephony. That sounds like a good deal for MCI; whether it is good for BT will take years to prove, whatever its share price does today.

facing other European coun-

tries. Opinion polls suggest

that Labour will win the

election with a working major-

ity. A Labour government

probably would stay out of the

first wave of EMU. However,

policy will aim to hit the

convergence criteria to main-

tain the choice of joining

EMU in 2001 or 2002. Those

countries that join EMU at the

start will probably face doubts

among investors about mone-

tary policy and whether fiscal

If the UK does face persis-

tent market pressure and a

significant rise in the spread

for short- and long-term rates

against the EMU bloc, polit-

ical pressure would grow for

EMÜ entry or an independent

MICHAEL SAUNDERS

Salomon Brothers

consolidation will last.

Bank of England.

C&W.

RADIO CHOICE

Bequests to the nation

The Heritage Quiz. Radio 4, 12.25pm.

I welcome the return of this good-natured testing ground of knowledge about our cultural heritage. The four contestants only occasionally sound self-indulgent. They are Christopher Cook. Philippa Gregory, Janet Surman and Martin Wainwright, and the chairperson is Sue MagGregor who is uncommonly generous with her helpful clues. She is uncommonly patient, too, allowing the players too much time to identify such national treasures as Warwick Castle which I got in five minutes flat. As well as questions about fictional pubs and book illustrators, there's a nostalgia corner. I share Cook's regret at not having been present at the world premiere in 1945 of Britten's Peter Grimes.

The Monday Play: Bleat. Radio 4. 7.45pm.

Brick by rough brick, reinforced with steel, whenever it shows signs of collapsing into crude melodrama, Graham White has constructed a play in which rural passions always threaten to erupt in violence and, ultimately, do precisely that. The setting is a farm. The characters: a bullying father (Donald Sumpter), two squabbling sons [Philip Kingston, Martin Hancock) and the two women sucked into their turbulent lives (Matilda Ziegler, Emma Owen-Smith). On stage, the play was hailed as working-class naturalism in the Lawrentian mold. I wouldn't go that far, but the characters' veins are certainly bubbling with hot blood.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 4

6.30am Chris Evens 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lea l'Anson with Simply Red's Mick Huckmail 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Evening Ses-sion 10.00 Mark Raddiffe 12.00 Clare Sturgess, including at 12.15am The Net sign 10.00 Mark Haddare 12.00 Clare Sturgess, including at 12.15em The Net 4.00 Clive Warren, with the Early Breaklest Show, Including Good Night/Good Moming

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Mistcokn Laycock with Dance Band Days 8.30 Sig Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttefam 10.00 Melly on Monday: Jools Holland. George Melly hosts a jazz chal show (1/8) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05em Stave Madden 3.00 Alex Lester Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00em Momting Reports, incl at 5.45 Wake Up to money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme Incl at 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.25 The Magazine, with Diane Madill, Incl at 10.35 News from Europe 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.35pmi Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide, Incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, Incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.36 Footbalt Legends. Featuring Lawrie Relly of Hibs and Scotland 8.00 The Monday Match: Everton v Coveniny Chy 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am The Other Side of Michight 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO 5.00am Early Breakfast 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Anna Raeburn 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00-Drivetime, with Peter Dealey 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10,00 James Whate 1.00em Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

5.30am Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 The Virtuage Crart Strow 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Talking Sport 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Anything Goes 9.45 Sport 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Off the Shelf 11.30 Omnibus 12.05pm Vento Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Andy Kerstaw 2.05 Cuttook 2.30 John Peel 3.05 Sport 3.15 The Learning World 3.30 Omnibus 4.15 World Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 Britain Today 9.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.30 Inspiration 7.01 Outlook 7.25 World of Faith 7.30 Multitrack 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Faith 7,30 Multitrack 9,05 World Sus-ness Report 9,15 Britain Today 9,30 Your Vote, Your Government 9,45 Founders of their faith 10,30 World Today 10,45 Sport 11,10 Take Five 11,15 Record News 11,30 Rullitrack 12,30 am Global Concerns 12,45 Britain Today 1,30 Outlook 1,55 Words of Faith 2,30 Ormsbus 3,15 Sport 3,30 Mendian Exertine

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto Shostako-vich (Plano Concerto No 2 in F major Op wich (Plamo Concerto No 2 in F trajor Op 102) 3.00 Jame Cnck 6.00 Newsmight, with Jane Markham 8.30 Sonata. Poulenc (Cello Sonata) 7.00 Celebrity Choice, with Wayne Sleep (f) 8.00 Everang Concert Mendelssohn (Symphony No 2 in C minor, Op 11): Liszt (Plano Concerto No 2 in A). Verdi (Ave Maria); Totrailovisky (Symphony No 5 in E minor, Op 64) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Expenience 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyts (Filit) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am

6.00em On Air. Includes Corelli (Trio Soneta in F. Op 1 No 1): Mozzat (Clarinet Concerto in A, K622); Elgar (String tuartet in E minor, On 831 9.00 Morning Collection.
Calriona Young continues her survey of Debussy plano

10.00 Musical Encounters Includes Gershwin (An American in Paris); Ives

American in Paris; hes
(Three-Page Sonata);
Copland (Plano Variations)
12.90 Composer of the Weelc
Percy Grainger
1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtlime
Concert. Live from St John's,
Smith Square. Nobuko Linsi,
viole, Roland Pontinen, plano.
Mendelseship (Sonate in C.

vice, Horard Pontenen, prand.
Mendelssohm (Sonete in C.
minor): Takemitsu (A Bird
Came Down the Walk)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC
National Orchestra of Wales,
conductor Tadaaki Otaka,
Offwer Charlier, violin. Wagner
(Charlier, Temberson)

(Overture Tannhauser); Beethoven (Molin Concerto in D); Sibelius (Symphony No 5) 3.45 Volcas (r) 4.30 The Jazzin' Violin (5/6) 5.00 The Music Machine 5.15 in Tune. Anthony Burton talks

to American conductor Richard Pittman about his American Independents estival concert

7,30 Before and after the en, conductor Harry Christophers, perform English sacred music including Taverner (Kyrie, Leroy); 8.05 A discussion about changes of the Reformation period compared with recent and political upheavals Sheopard (Magnificat, Second Service): Talis

(Videte miraculum, It Ye Love 9.45 Frames: Contemporary traditionalist Faroug Shousha and the modernist man Mirsal discuss and read their

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10.00 Ensemble. Recital by the Medici Ousret and oboist Sarah Francis. Including the lirst broadcast of a recently discovered early work by Elizabeth Maconchy Between the Ears. A would-

be pop star finds an interne site about the 14th-century **Nacheut**

11.30 Composers of the Week; Hildegard of Bingen and Arvo Part 12.30am Jazz Notes 1.00am Through the Night

7.20 The Food Programme (r) 7.45 The Monday Play: Bleat. See Choice 9.15 Irish Icona, The Irish pub.

Weather 10.00 The World Tonight

where you enter as a stranger and leave as a friend Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59

10.40 The wond Longm
10.45 Book At Bedtime:
Adventures in the Skin, by
Dylan Thomas. The story of a:
19-year-old Weish poet who
armes in London equipped
for adventure (1/5)
11.00 Beyond Responsible Doubt.

11.00 Beyond Reasonable Doubt.
(FM) A case from Liverpool in 1950, in which a cinema cashier was shot dead (r)
11.00 Education Matters (LW)
11.30 If You're So Clever Why Aren't You Rich? (FM) By Paul Shearer and Richard Tumer. Persuaded that his life lacks a clear mission.

lacks a clear mission statement Glies enters the treacherous waters of

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Who Goes Home 8.58

Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week
19.00 News; The Seven
Deadly Virtues (4/7)
10.00 Daily Service; On
This Day (1,W)
10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30
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4444 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm The Heritage Quiz. See Choice 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World At One 1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Hand in Glove, by
Stephen Muirine (3/3)
3.00 The Atternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope.
Lyrne Walker sees Shobers and

Lyrae water saes shoopens
Jeyasingh's latest dance and
reads two books on travel
4.45 Short Story: The Breeder,
By Patricia Highsmith. A
wickedly satirical look at
motherhood and marriage (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55
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6.00 Stx O'clock News 6,30

News Quiz (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

property development (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW) 12.00 News incl 12.27em approx

12:30 The Late Book: First Church of the New Millennium, by Siyan Appleyard (5/10).

12.48 Shipping 1.00 As World Service

available via cable and satellite

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LOOK BACK IN ANGORA

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

10PM.



fter last week's rate

rise, markets have built

in a big premium for

UK interest rate risks over the

next couple of years. Interest

rate futures project that UK

three-month rates will rise

sharply next year and, from

late 1997 onwards, will be the

highest in the G7. The UK-

German five-year spread is

back to highs seen in the 1994

that the economy is repeating

its historical tendency to vola-

tile growth and interest rate

This risk premium is too

high. The UK economy's vola-

ulity has declined significant-

ly in recent years. Inflation

has been low and stable base

rates have oscillated around 6

per cent. The key to stability

has been the authorities' will-

ingness to hike rates earlier.

market debacle. Markets fear













BOB MILLS' MUSICAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY. WATCH 25 YEARS OF BAD HAIR, STRANGE SHIRTS AND GREAT MUSIC VIDEOS

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Rhodes rage? No, but I'm glad it's finished interest version of Ros- time. Apart from Sean Blowers, a

ccording to Horizon on Saturday night, television is A dead, obsolete, kaput. It's a point of view that, for the moment, is still debatable but one more week of Rhodes (BBCI) and who knows? Thankfully, however, there are no more weeks of Rhodes. The colossus has landed.

"Turn me over, Jack," wheezed the terrible old bore (not to be confused with the terrible old Boers who by comparison were actually quite nice). Jack, one of the interminable number of young men who have made keeping up so difficult over the past eight weeks, did as he was told - whereupon Rhodes promptly expired. To my shame. I let out a little cheer.

"What were his last words?" asked one of the neatly assembled crowd outside the seaside cottage. Dr Jameson had not got where he was today without knowing that turn me over, Jack", was not exactly the stuff of history, so made interiors. Ecologically very unous millions — and surely to sound, I realise, but oh so beautionobody's great surprise — we "turn me over, Jack", was not

something up. "So much to do, so ful. It made you want to get your little done." Thank goodness he duster out. never got the chance to finish the

The clever thing for a critic to do

at this juncture would be to adopt. the contrarian view and loudly acclaim Rhodes as a much misunderstood masterpiece. Believe me, I have thought about it but ... no. Any drama dependent on an incomprehensible Russian princess to explain the plot deserves everything it gets and what it gets from me is the view that Rhodes was a misconceived and ill-executed nonsense.

True, it did have one or two. saving graces. I have only to hear Alan Parker's music to be filled with a heartfelt desire to ford the Limpopo and some of the woodwork was magnificent - huge polished panels of African hardwoods that adorned so many of the

There are lessons to be learnt for the BBC, amid the wreckage of its Sunday night schedule. The first is that period drama works best when there are girls in it. Left to their own devices, boys only get themselves into trouble — starting wars, inventing apartheid, that sort of thing. The second is: never make a drama that requires the viewer to keep an out-of-date atlas and a history book by them to follow what is going on.

And the third is that racism, and particularly British imperial racism. makes for very uncomfortable Sunday night viewing. It hap-pened, of course, but dressing it up as drama gave us the perfect opportunity to choose whether we cared to be reminded of the fact. In

REVIEW



Bond

one of several characters destined to be prime minister, according to a rather curious postscript. Answer: made ITV very happy. But not for long, according to the prophets of doom canvassed by producer Andrew Chitty for TV is Dead, Long Live TV (BBC2, Saturday), a Horizon special to mark

the 60th anniversary of television.

chose not to. "What have you done,

Rhodes?" thundered Merriman,

the programme that would explain about digital, widescreen formats, high definition - and all those other technical things that people expect television critics to know about. But disappointingly (from a purely selfish point of view) it turned out to be about how television would be replaced by the Internet. It seems not only do we all want to be programme-makers. we all want to be critics (which from a purely selfish point of view was also disappointing). Chitty

Now call me a Luddite, call me a cornered beast, but I didn't believe a word of it. Clutching at straws? Well, perhaps - but I took heart from the writer of the first interactive soap opera who never read the e-mail he received from the show's fans. Might stifle his creativity, he thought. Then there were the two women making an

has seen the future and apparently

it's interactive.

I had rather hoped that this was interactive Internet version of Bos-time. Apart from Sean Blowers, as well and Johnson's Tour of the Isles. The main reason they took their feedback "quite seriously" was that they didn't get "an unmanageable amount". Good job they weren't making an interactive version of Rhodes - they'd never have left Kimberley. After about 45 minutes, the

technical consensus that emerged was that if they could just speed up the snail-paced video images currently available on the Internet and perhaps cut back on a little of this interactivity, they might just have something. I could be wrong, but I think they had just reinvented television. Hurrah!

alf a hurrah, at least, for Staying Alive (ITV, Friday), which despite being yet another drama series about nurses, threatens to be one of the most adventurous drama series ITV has commissioned for some a wife and daughter-battering policeman, it has no stars and its style is not what we have come to expect from ITV, come 9 o'clock. It's like a slightly slowed down and rather dark version of ER - all panning cameras and tight edits. Terribly fashionable.

Despite being at the height of technical fashion, the producers chose the dated introduce your cast" option for episode one, rather than pursuing the current vogue for hitting the ground with subplots running. As such, it was a success, although I'm still a little vague on some of the finer points of family background. If this is a success, the BBC will be kicking itself for killing off the superior but not dissimilar Cardiac Arrest. Still, it's always got Casualty (BBCI), which marked the Saturday before Bonfire Night in traditional three-stranded manner. Bless 'em.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (12278) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceefax) (43549) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceefax) (6574839)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (S) (1774346) 9.45 KILROY (s) (8226520) 10.30 CANT COOK, WONT COOK (s) (12094) 11.00 NEWS (Ceefax) (2019433) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (s) (4637452) 11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (s) (6454704)

12.00 NEWS (Ceetax) (4370433) 12.05pm NEIGHBOURS: TENTH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL (Ceefax) (s) (2097278) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (51344926)

1.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (46636) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (14639162)

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceelax) (s) (24540162) 2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (s) (5839) 2.30 WHO'LL DO THE PUDDING? (s) (742) 3.00 INCOGNITO Quiz (s) (4346)

3.30 THE BUSY WORLD OF RICHARD SCARRY (3) (5397742) 3.55 BANANAMAN (r) (5115297) 4.00 BODGER AND BADGER (s) (8562891) 4.15 ACE VENTURA: PET DETECTIVÉ 4.15 ACE VENTIONAL (Ceelax) (s) (5125029) 4.35 RECORD BREAKERS (Ceelax) (s) (1285907) 5.00 NEWSROUND (Cestax) (6730617) 5.10 BLUE PETER (Cestax) (s) (2852617)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (Ceefax) (s) (935362) 6.00 NEWS (Ceefex) and weather (471)

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (723) 7.00 TELLY ADDICTS Celebrating 60 years of BBC television (Ceetax) (s) (9655) 7.30 TOMORROW'S WORLD Includes a

report on a novel device to help party guests to find a compatible person to talk to (Ceelax) (s) (907) 8.00 EASTENDERS Will Carol go to Soain with Alan? (Ceefax) (s) (5075)

8.30 VETS' SCHOOL During the Easter holidays Trudy Mostue forms part of the emergency sketeton staff at the school, white Julie Richards, John Coupe and Steve Leonard expenence life in local practices (Caetax) (s)(7810)

9.00 NEWS (Ceefax), regional news and 9.30 PANORAMA Charting the events which

led to The Ridings school in Halifax being closed pending the arrival of a new head teacher (Ceelax) (s) (341297) 10.10 BILLY CONNOLLY'S WORLD TOUR

OF AUSTRALIA The comedian visits the coastline of La Perouse, Canberra and Sydney (Ceefax) (s) (595181) 10.50 THE BEST OF THE FRANK SKINNER

SHOW (r) (Ceetax) (s) (203487) WALES: Read All About Us 11.20 FILM 96 WITH BARRY NORMAN

Includes reviews of Mechael Collins and The First Wives Club, (Ceetax) (858487) 11.50 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (r) (234013) WALES: Best of the Frank Skinner Show 12.20am WeishQuestions 12.55 Smillie's People 1.40 FiLM:

Boundaries of the Heart 3.15 News 12.35am FiLM: Boundaries Of The Heart (1980). A romantic drama set in 1950s Australia, directed by Lex Marinos

2.15 WEATHER (7493969)

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7.00mm Love Compensor (3844810) 7.20 Ph.55 Your Luck (3831346) 7.40 Jeopedyl (522243) 8.10 Hotel (6041487) 9.00 Profes Warld (579598) 9.45 Open Physics (1992984) 10.40 Rest IV (761055)

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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

SKY NEWS

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BBC2 6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY 7.15

BREAKFAST NEWS (8865278) 7.30 (4333655) 7.55 BLUE PETER (7861549) 8.20 KING GREENFINGERS (3288365) 8.25TALES OF AESOP (5166075) 8.35 LASSIE (6174568) 9.00 TV6 (14452) 9.30 COSMO AND DIBS IN PUNJABI (8620609) 9.40 MEGAMATHS (8352471) 10.00 PLAYDAYS (20100) 10.30 HOTCH POTCH HOUSE (s) (4691433) 10.50 LOOK AND READ 11.30 GHOSTWRITER (7655) 12.00 GNVQ (60948) 12.30pm WORKING LUNCH (35487) 1.00 HISTORY FILE (77248623) 1.20 SPANISH GLOBO (48314520) 1.25 LANDMARKS 1.25 LANDMARKS 1.45 STORYTHE 2.00 KING GREEN-92098920) (14656839)

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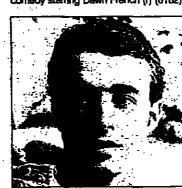
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6.00 THE MUNSTERS (b/w) (Ceefax) (965443) 6.25 UFO (Ceefax) (s) (909687)

7.15 AS SEEN ON TV (r) (s) (679278) 7.30 TOP GEAR MOTORSPORT The last in the sereies looks at the final round of the Eurocar series from Brands Hatch, the world rally series where the manufac-turer's title is still to be decided at San Remo, and a review of the Formula Three Season (Ceetax) (s) (563655)

8.05 PEOPLE'S CENTURY: 1963, Picture Power The last in the series looks at how evision superseded the cinema (r)

9.00 MURDER MOST HORRID Black comedy starring Dawn French (r) (6162)



Joseph McFadden stars (9.30)

9,30 THE CROW ROAD First of a four-part adaptation of lain Banks's darkly-humorous novel (Ceelax)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceefex) (106471) 11.15 SOHO STORIES (s) (798636) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (Ceefax)

12.30mm THE LEARNING ZONE: O.U.: GEOLOGY OF THE ALPS (74495) 1.00 DRIFTING CONTINENTS (48143) 1.30 SEISMOLOGY AT WORK (55921) 2.00 NIGHTSCHOOL TV: PSHE: LIFE-REGHISCHOOL 17: PSHE LITES SCHOOL A-Z (65582) 4.00 BBC FOCUS: ITALIA 2000 (29698) 4.30 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SPECIAL (36308) 5.00 PATHWAYS TO CARE (30281) 5.30-6.00 BCN NURSING

CHOICE

Short Stories: Down the Drains Channel 4, 8.00pm

There is plenty of humour in Alison Millar's film about the men who work the Belfast sewers but as in any report from Northern Ireland the political divide is never far away. It is not only at work that the crews split into Green (for the Catholic areas) and Orange (for the Protestant). Their favourite leisure pursuits also follow religious lines, with Catholics favouring pool and Protestants table tennis. A blocked manhole on an IRA estate is found to contain "goldfish", the sewer worker's euphemism for condoms. provoking ribald questions about what good Catholics have been doing with such things. The pumping station reveals greater hazards to the system, such as basins, buckets and even sofas, not to mention a surprising number of women's tights. But such finds help to leaven a mucky job.

ITV, 8.30pm

First presented in a pilot last year, Sharman (Clive Owen) is a scruffy private eye operating in south London. He is a failed cop and a failed husband and charmless into the bargain. Given such an unappetising hero. the show's strategy is to swamp him with plot. There should be a prize for anybody who can stay with such a complicated story and make sense of it, though the key is that the villains are either Greek or black or possibly both. If Sharman is notable for one thing it is the number of explosions. The real stars are the special effects team as first a club is bombed and disappears in flames, then a house, then Sharman's car and finally an undertaker's. The writer is Guy Jenkin, best known for topical satire in Drop the Dead Donkey and Crossing the Floor. But he manages few laughs here.

Cutting Edge: Great House Wives Channel 4, 9.00pm

The subjects of Marilyn Gaunt's film do their best to convince us that marrying the owner of a stately home is not a guarantee of a pampered and leisurely life. Pamela, Lady Mansfield, was "dismayed and frightened" to discover that she was taking on not just a husband but his Scottish pile. When Scone Palace was opened to the public she suddenly had to learn how to run a shop and restaurant. At Knebworth, famous for its rock concerts, Chryssie, Lady Cobbold, canes chairs, mends upholstery and goes shopping at Sainsbury's for their overnight guests. Fiona is married to Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, despite failing to share his passion for old cars and preferring to eat scrambled eggs alone rather than join his lavish banquets. But she has stuck it for 22 years and has an escape route. "If I ger fed up", she

The Crow Road BBC2. 9.30pm

With its quirky, not to say macahre, humour, and, at its heart, a Scottish family whose members have a habit of dying suddenly or disappearing. Iain Banks's novel offers intriguing if unorthodox fare. Trying to make sense of his relatives is Prenice (Joseph McFadden), a 20-year-old student who has fallen out with his father, is jealous of his successful brother and infatuated by a beautiful distant cousin but too timid to tell her so. The tone is set at grandma's funeral when the old lady's body explodes on the way to being cremated. Flashbacks tend to arrest the narrative flow but not the enigma of a missing uncle and the notes he left behind for a murder story. Brian Elsley's screenplay has relishable lines and raw language in equal measure and the director is the reliable Gavin Millar.

Peter Waymark

HTV 6,00am GMTV (1163013)

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1782365) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2591162) 10.00 THE TIME. . . THE PLACE (24926) 10.30 THIS MORNING (24500568)

12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (4376617) 12.30 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (4515487) 12.55 LOOK AND COOK (s) (4427278) 1.25 CORONATION STREET (1) (Teletext) (7323839) 2.00 HOME AND AWAY

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3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (4492452) 3.30 TOTS TV CLASSICS (3902742) 3.40 THE SLOW NORRIS (7832704) 3.50 WOLVES, WITCHES AND GIANTS (3086758) 4.05 SOOTY AND CO (5041013) 4.25 SCOOBY DOO (5027433) 4.50 HOW 2 (5230704)

5.10 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (7787297) 5.40 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (558365) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (101487)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (599075) 7.00 THE LIST (4723)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Des forces Claire to make a decision (Teletext) (425) 8.00 WORLD IN ACTION Donal McIntyre discovers some people supposed to be controlling illegal drugs actively partici-pating in the trade (Teletext) (s) (3471)



Clive Owen as Sharman (8.30pm)

8.30 SHARMAN New tour-part series about a private detec tive. Starring Clive Owen (97592) 10.00 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (22471)

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (398075) 10.40 CLIVE JAMES - POSTCARD FROM THE MELBOURNE CUP Clive returns to Australia to sample the atmosphere at the country's biodest horse-racing event. He

checking out the surf culture, rowing the River Yara and landing a role in Neighbours (Teletext) (8) (306384) 11.40 HUNTER (156636)

12.40am BUSHELL ON THE BOX (S) (3761259) 1.10 CUSTOMS CLASSIFIED (9914308)

1.55 JONES AND JURY (s) (5721211) 2.20 FILM: BABYCAKES (1989) starring Ricks Lake, Craig Sheffer and Nada Despotovich. Quirky, romantic comed about a female mortuary worker and her attempts to seduce a handsome train

driver. Directed by Paul Schneide

3.55 SOUND BITES (79651921) 4.05 TIME ... THE PLACE (r) (s) (23834) 5.00 THE ENTERTAINERS (30227) 5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (93018)

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6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (599075) 7.00-7.30 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (4723) 11.40 BAGDAD CAFE (351704) 12.10am BEYOND REALITY (4208308) 12.40 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

EXTRA (2885495) 1.25 THE CRIME HOUR (7823495) 2.25 JONES AND JURY (6638650) 2.45 Film: DRACULA'S DAUGHTER (9895722)

WESTCOUNTRY

4.00 JOBFINDER (2079747)

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Starts: 6.30am TAKE FIVE (57948) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (32487) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (60920) 9.30 YSGOLION (924891) 12.00 RIGHT TO REPLY (29384) 12.30pm BACKDATE (57655) 1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (39346) 1.30 Film: THE GIFT HORSE (30100636) 3.20 FRESH POP (4482075) 3.30 THE LIVING SEA (297) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (704) 4.30 GARDEN DOCTORS (988) 5.00 5 PUMP (5029) 5.30 COUNTDOWN: THE SEARCH FOR THE SUPREME CHAMPION (568) 6.00 NEWYDDION (997891) 6.05 HENO (260015) 6.35 JACPOT (265704) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (316297) 7.25 BEIBL PETER WILLIAMS (627742) 8.00 BACHA HI O'MA (1013) 8.30 NEWYDDION (1920) 9.00 FRASIER (4758) 9.30 FRIENDS (37891) 10.00 SGORIO (9988) 11.00 THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL MATCH (932013) 12.20am TRANS WORLD SPORT (3844414) 1.20-1.50 THE LOVERS

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12.00 RIGHT TO REPLY (r) (Ceefax) (29384) 12.30pm BACKDATE (57655) 1.00 SESAME STREET (5421704) 1.55 SOMETHING TO TELL YOU

(24552907) 2.20 FILM: The Iron Curtain (1948, b/w) Cold War thriller based on a true story. With Dana Andrews and Gene Tierney Directed by William A Wellman (Teletext) (596839)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (Teletext) (704) 4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (988) 5.00 MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW (Teletext) (5351452) 5.45 ANTON MOSIMANN -NATURALLY (Teletext) (822452) 6.00 MOVIEWATCH Young critics from Glasgow offer their opinions on Fled starring Laurence Fishburne and Stephen Baldwin, Michael Collins starring Liam

Neeson and Julia Roberts and the wilchcraft chiller, The Craft (181) 6.30 HOLLYOAKS (Telelext) (s) (433) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (718433)

7.55 THE SLOT (631278) 8.00 CHOICE SHORT STORIES: Down the Drains The sewers of Belfast (Teletext) (1013)

8.30 THE REAL HOLIDAY SHOW Gaby Roslin presents holiday films from Kenya Greece and Cornwall (s) (1920)



Lady Montagu (9pm)

9.00 CROICE CUTTING EDGE: Great House Wives A look at the lives of three women who reside in great stately homes (Teletext) (s) (2029) 10.00 HOMICIDE: LIFE ON THE STREET -

Justice The first of a two-part story. When a former cop is found dead, his son, also a cop, tries take matters into his own hands (Teletext) (s) (9988) 11.00 THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL BIG

MATCH Gary Imlach Introduces the Washington Redskins v the Buffalo Bills (s) (932013) 12.20am TRANS WORLD SPORT (3844414) 1.20 LET THE BLOOD RUN FREE Dick is

restored to his normal self (r) (s) 1.50 FILM: The Life of Emile Zola (1937, b/w) Oscar-winning biopic starring Paul Muni as the celebrated French novelist

Directed by William Dieterie (773018) 4.00-5.00 SCHOOLS: Making Sense of Science (s) (20679)

SATELLITE AND CABLE



Lily Tomlin and Tom Walts in Short Cuts (Movie Channel, 12.10am)

4.00pm Jet Pilot (1957) (8501100) 6.00 To Sk., with Love (1967) (2658704) 8.00 Paggy Sue Got Married (1986) (265069) 10.00 Predator (1967) (733094) 11.50 Haunted Honeymoon (1986) (7611345) 1.15am: The L-Shaped Room (1963) (90377414) 3.20 Chy Lights (1931) THE DISNEY CHANNEL Sky Movies Gold falses over et 10pm. 6.00em Mouse Tracks. (5115723) 6.25 Ousch Atlack (5208758) 6.50 Borkers

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Chop's Pely Along's (358810) 10.15 Muppet
Balaiss (840520) 10.40 Adventures in
Honderland (2367810) 11.10 Quack Attack
(7982591) 11.40 Linder the Umbrella Tree
(9933339) 12.10pm Fraggle Rock
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SKY SPORTS 1 7,00cm World Sports Special (38297) 7,30 Watersports World (93100) 8,30 Racing Aces (46100) 8,00 Golf, Sarazen World

Open (61869) 11.00 Goft: Stells Challenge (64894) 1.00pm Footbell Special (61605) 3.00 Watersports World (48471) 4.00 British Basketball (5984) 6.00 Sports Centre (6438) 6.30 Football: Tartan Edra (5933) 7.00 Live Monday Night Football: Tartan Edra (5933) 7.00 Live Monday Night Football: Tartan Edra (44372) 10.15 Sports Centre (454839) 10.45 Sports Countdown to Judgement Night (446810) 11.15 Football: Tartan Edra (443723) 11.45 Rebel Sports (44094) 12.15 mm Monday Night Football: Tartan Edra (891785) 3.16 Rebel Sports (596983) 3.45 Football: Tietan Edra (891785) 3.16 Rebel Sports (596983) 3.45 Football: Filer (67334327) 4.00 The Winning Post Spocial Live Racing (7718281) 4.45-5.15 Sports Centre (151677) (1925) (1927) (1926) (1926) (1927) (1927) (1928) (1927) (1928) (1927) (1927) (1928) (1927) (1928) (1927) (1929) (1928) (1927) (1929) (1928) (1928) (1928) (1927) (1927) (1929) (1928) (1927) (1927) (1929) (1928) (1928) (1928) (1929) (1928) (1 SKY MOVIES GOLD SKY SPORTS 3

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4.00pm Biography. George Bush (2789704) 5.00 The Great Ships (2546636) 6.00 The Life and Times of Lord Mountbal-ten (1064617) 7.00-8.00 Biography: Yizhek Rabin (4250891)

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THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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TLC/DISCOVERY

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BT seals \$20bn takeover of MCI to become global force

By Sarah Cunningham AND CARL MORTISHED

BRITISH TELECOM'S agreed \$20 billion takeover of MCI, the US telecommunications group, is the largest transatlantic deal in history and will create "a new, high-growth, global communications powerhouse," Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive of BT, said

yesterday. He said that the cash-andshare deal would raise BT's carnings after one year and would add £500 million a year to combined pre-tax profits after five years. He expects shareholder and regulatory approval by next autumn.

He also unveiled a range of sweeteners for BT shareholders, including a 35p special dividend that will cost £2.3

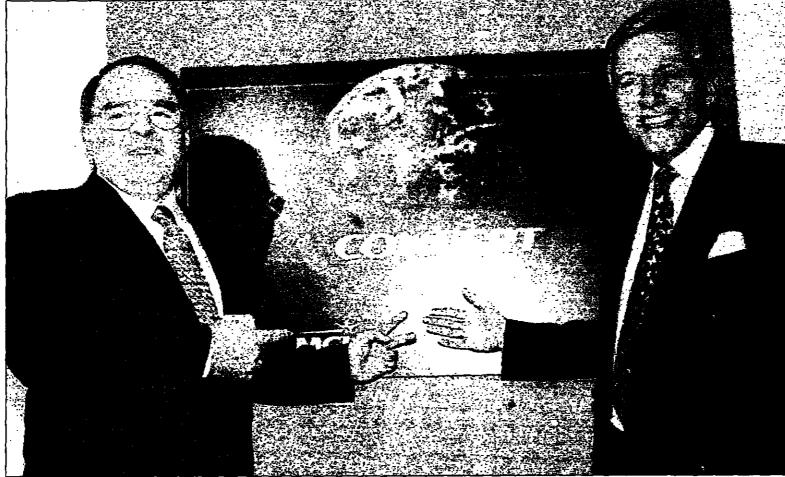
The two companies are merging their operations to form a holding company named Concert - the name of an existing joint venture between the two companies.

This will be 66 per cent owned by former BT shareholders and 34 per cent by those of MCI. It will be incorporated in the UK and have headquarters in London

and Washington. BT and MCI will operate in their home markets under their original names. Concert will have annual revenues of more than £25 billion, cashflow of about £7.5 billion, and 43 million business and residential customers in 70 countries.

Sir lain Vallance, chairman of BT, and Bert Roberts, chairman of MCl, will be cochairmen of Concert. Sir Colin Marshall will be non-executive deputy chairman and Sir Peter Bonfield will be chief executive. Gerald Taylor, current president and chief obei ating officer of MCI, will hold the same job at Concert and will report to Sir Peter. There will be eight non-executives -

four from each side. MCI has a 13.5 per cent stake in The News Corporation, parent company of The Times. Mr Taylor said: "I expect the relationship with News Corp to continue," but said he did not foresee the deal



Gerald Taylor, of MCI, and Sir Peter Bonfield, of BT, as they unveiled the biggest transatlantic deal in history in London yesterday

changing the nature of the relationship. Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of News Corp and a director of MCI, will not become a director of Concert.

The takeover comes six months after the breakdown of alliance talks between BT and Cable and Wireless, its biggest UK rival. Sir Peter denied that MCI, in which BT aiready noids a *a*u de stake, was second best. "It is first best," he said.

While C&W would have given BT access to potentially lucrative Asian markets. Sir Peter said he hoped that Concent would attract Asian partners and named NTT. the Japanese telecoms giant, as one he would be keen to work with. BT's special dividend will be

payable with this year's final

dividend in September 1997. It is not conditional on the merger going through. The final dividend for the year ended March 31 will be 11.95p, giving a full-year dividend of 19.85p, up 6.1 per cent. BT is also to ask its shareholders for approval to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares, but said

the actual amount and timing of of the move would depend

MCI, but analysts were tying themselves in knots yesterday over how to value it exactly. The quibble is over the base value of BT shares for the purposes of valuing the share element of the offer to MCI

holders. MCI shareholders will receive the equivalent of 5.4 new BT shares and \$6 in cash for each MCI share. They will not be receiving the BT

should, some analysts argue, be deducted from the value of BT shares offered. BT's offer is then worth \$32, a premium of 28 per cent to the MCI stock price on Thursday. Valued at the Friday closing price for BT, the US company is worth \$36 per share, but Doug Maine, MCI finance officer, argued that the 10 per cent share buyback would boost

BT's shares would suffer much from the dilution of the share issue and lower initial earnings. Some suggested the special dividend was a bribe to prop up the BT share price. Others were undecided on whether the strategy would work but were prepared to give BT the benefit of the doubt over the extra payout, the promise of a competitive Analysts were not betting that pect of share repurchases.

of 25 to 34 per cent.

compared with 30 per cent three months ago. Cost and price pressures remain subdued, the survey shows, even though 78 per cent are awarding pay rises at the previous year's level or higher,

But manufacturing firms

IoD survey shows fall in business confidence

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

BUSINESS confidence is falling significantly even though the economy is continuing to improve, with increases in orders, profits and overall company performance. cording to evidence from UK company directors.

Manufacturing improvement is flattening out direc-tors say, with the overall uncertainty leading them to reinforce calls to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to present a cautious Budget on November 26. But separate survey evidence today from the manufacturing industry suggests that small firms in particular are improving.

The Chancellor's decision last week to raise interest rates came after most of the large scale industrial surveys had reported their findings, but today's figures from the Institute of Directors (IoD) show that business remains unsure in advance of Mr Clarke's preelection Budget.

The IoD's phone survey of more than 500 directors says the net balance of those more rather than less optimistic about their firm's prospects has decreased by a significant five percentage points from 61 per cent in June to 56 per cent for the third quarter. Optimism in manufacturing and construction is even less buoyant.

The uncertainty contrasts markedly in the IoD survey with improving figures on other indicators, with orders cited as above normal by a balance of 34 per cent of directors, compared with 24 per cent in the previous quarter. Company performance and output are ability has risen from a balance

Employment is showing a very positive increase, according to the IoD, with a net balance of 42 per cent of company directors saying they have increased job numbers,

with a fifth making pay awards at 7.5 per cent or more. are recording output falling back. The number of manufacturers saying that output is rising now is down by 20 percentage points since June. Exporters are also seeing a decline in orders for the second successive quarter.

IoD analysis are now forecasting growth of 2.25 per cent for this year on the basis of the continuing growth indicated sonal factors may be affecting confidence and that the harder edged indicators of orders and output may be a more reliable guide to the current performance of companies.

Ruth Lea, head of policy at the IoD, said: "The increases in company performance and employment combined with benign price and costs pressures show the economy is continuing to make solid

progress."
Small firms are showing a particular fall in confidence. according to the loD survey down from a net balance of 69 per cent three months ago to per cent now. However, they are reporting higher than average growth in output, orders, jobs and pay.

But a separate study from the Confederation of British Industry today says that busi-ness confidence among small firms is now rising for the first time since April, with total new orders and output up, and employment rising



ROGER BOOTLE SRYS that UK exporters are bearing the brunt of the Government's anti-inflation policy

Video link in the merger chain

FITTINGLY, British Telecom's takeover of MCI has involved a large amount of telecommunications wizardry (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The chairmen of the two companies made extensive use of video conferencing during negotiations, even in the final, most delicate, stages, Sir Iain Vallance, of BT, and Bert Roberts, of MCI, spoke to each other twice on Saturday via a video linkeafter their boards had met to agree to the final terms of the deal. Video links were also used to coordinate rehearsals of the two companies' presentations for analysts and inumalists. which were held in London and New York yesterday.

Video conferencing pro-vides audio and visual links

so that meetings taking place miles apart, even on opposite sides of the world, can be run

An adviser to BT said that more traditional methods of arranging major deals, including flying across the Atlantic for face-to-face meetings, had also played a major part in the deal. You still need to be able to

terms were agreed by the end of October. BT's gamble, page 50

An adviser to MCI com-

mented, that ironically, "often

big deals are not as complicat-

ed as some smaller ones". He said that talks started in

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McCain chips in with the lottery

By Sarah Cunningham

THE humble chipped potato could make you a millionaire. That, at least, will be the message McCain Foods hopes to put across through a link with the National Lottery.

McCain, a privately owned Canadian company best known for its oven chips, has signed a deal with Camelot, the lottery operator, which will allow it to use the lonery name, logo and slogans for promotions. The deal will last for one year, starting on January 6.

the National Lottery in a plan to set up a series of crosspromotional marketing partnerships with companies in different consumer sectors. McCain has paid an undisclosed fee to Camelot and plans to spend £5 million on a series of campaigns. The lottery is looking for up to ten

This is the first success for

non-competing companies to pay for comparable rights. McCain plans to put miniature lottery balls inside bags of oven chips, which will entitle

customers to send off for a free lucky dip lottery ticket. McCain will pay El million to charity if the lottery jackpot is

won by someone using a McCain lucky dip ticket. Julie Leivers, McCain's marketing director, said: "By linking with such a wellknown brand, we will increase awareness and build the

McCain brand in the UK."

Leivers: marketing deal

Ill-discipline in schools hits insurers

FAMILY breakdown and illdiscipline in schools have contributed towards an 80 per cent rise in insurance claims for malicious damage, according to a new survey (Marianne Curphey writes). Paint-spraying, throwing

bricks through windows and an increase in other antisocial behaviour over the past five years has led to the huge rise. London, the North West and the Midlands are the worst affected. Last year NatWest Insurance Services. which conducted the survey, paid out more than £5 million in claims for home thefts in England. Over the last 12 months daims for malicious damage rose 26 per cent.

A NatWest spokeswoman said: "There is a lot of discussion about the problems of discipline among young people, and we believe this has contributed to the rise in claims. A large proportion of claims are from landlords whose tenants have wrecked the property before they walked out."

UK snub to EU over jobs

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR is to try to bring European pressure to bear on the Government after it has emerged that the UK has pulled out of an EU job creation initiative.

A leaked letter from John Major to Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, reveals that Britain is to ignore the territorial employment pact, which aims to tackle unemployment

across Europe through a series of regional and local initiatives. The Prime Minister told M Santer: "We consider that setting up further new initiatives and institutional structures would mean more bureaucracy to no good

Richard Caborn, Labour's spokesman for National Competitiveness and Regulation, is to meet the EU President and MEPs to launch a Europe-wide attempt to persuade the UK to

embrace the initiative. He said: "Once again. Britain is the odd man out, and the Government is clearly putting Conservative Party interests above the national interest." No extra EU funds are

attached to the pact, and this is being used by Government as a reason not to participate. Both Mr Major and Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, have told the Commission that the UK has sufficient schemes to reduce unemployment

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For the life you don't yet know



EU to call time for Major over 48-hour week

The opposing armies are drawn up facing each other, pennants fluttering in the breeze; backbenchers and spin-doctors await only the order to attack. The election battle over Europe begins in eight days.

On November 12, the European Court of Justice will, barring an unimaginable change of heart, rule against Britain and say that the EU's directive capping the length of the working week at 48 hours is legal. Since noise and smoke are about to obliterate this issue for perhaps six months, here are home truths about the social chapter.

John Major claims that the 48-hour week rule breaches a promise given five years ago at Maastricht that EU social law would not apply to Britain. Answering a question in the Commons about the 48hour week last July, the Prime Minister said he had "reached an agreement on ensuring that we were not covered by that at Maastricht, and I intend that that: agreement shall be kept Our colleagues in Europe need not expect that we will reach further agreements at the next inter-governmental conference unless they are prepared to restore the

This daisy chain of mistaken assumptions reveals Mr Major to be in the realms of fantasy. His opposite numbers in the EU have not breached faith because they have not given him any blanket immunity from social law. At Maastricht. Britain opted out of seven social policy clauses. better known as the "social chapter", in the new treaty. The Government remains involved in, and bound by, any social rules agreed under other, older bits of the treaty. The 48-hour week pro-

posal was born before the social chapter was even thought of Britain was fully involved in several sterile years of debate over the directive and managed to carve out a number of exemptions and delays that it comes into force here.

By seeking to cancel Britain's agreement to the directive and to be insulated from any such thing in the future, Mr Major is asking for a bigger, better social opt-out than the one he has. His EU partners will refuse. Tory ministers will enter the election campaign pledged to wreck or indefinitely delay the treaty con-ference until their wishes



will be fearful, furious and impatient to be dealing with Labour. On what its commitment to join the social chapter will mean in practice, Labour will shillyshally in front of businessmen who value the social

opt-out. No real bargaining

can take place until the election result is in. Several lessons emerg first that Mr Major is both loser and winner. Continental custom and practice is moving away from work-ing hours limits. Virtually all EU governments except Britain limited the working week before the directive was agreed; some now wish they did not. Most governments in Western Europe are lightening labour regulation at the request of business and industry. The writers of the directive who thought that shortening working hours helps create

jobs are watching the evidence stack up against

them. Two French studies

have just found no connec-

tion between shorter work-

ing hours and job creation.

he second lesson applies to Labour as much as to the Tories since it concerns the quality of British decision-making on matters European. British ministers think that their partners played "darty pool" in making the 48-hour rule a health and safety measure.

Continental politicians and judges think working hours are naturally to do with health and safety and that it is equally obvious for an EU treaty to reflect this. Anglo-Sexon and Rhine-

EU directive being pushed by a majority needs one of good lawyers to spot hidden dangers and to weaken the text or a plausible; and hing explanation for lost out. On the 48-hour week. Mr Major has none

> Leading article, page 23 GEORGE BROCK

Papal Mass marks 50 years in the priesthood

FROM RICHARD OWEN

THE Pope celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordina-tion at the weekend, and told how he wrote his memoirs during his summer retreat in the mountains while waiting to enter hospital to have his appendix removed.

Vatican officials said the autobiography, Gift and Mystery, would be published before the end of the year in

several languages.
But it was unlikely to deal with controversial issues of his 18-year papacy, such as the 1981 attempt on his life or his role in the fall of Communism in Eastern Europe. Instead it would focus on his youth, the Second World War and his career as bishop and cardinal in Cracow before being elected pontiff in 1978.

The Pope appeared tired at the Mass commemorating his ordination in 1946. He recalled the horrors of Nazi-occupied Poland, the loss of most of his immediate family, and his decision at the age of 26 to give up a theatre career for the priesthood.



The Pope blesses pilgrims in Rome yesterday at a Mass in which he recalled the horror of Nazi-rule in Poland

Milosevic Socialists poised for victory in Yugoslav election

THE Socialists of President Milosevic of Serbia were poised for victory as about seven million apathetic Serbs went to the polls yesterday to elect the lower chamber of the 138-seat federal Yugoslav parliament as well as local and municipal authorities.

During the morning it was the elderly, barely surviving on frugal, irregular monthly cheques, who queued at Belgrade polling stations, most of them bewildered by the lists. They are safe voters for the regime, fearing they might find themselves even without the little they do get. After years of defiance, the Serbs have slumped into apathy and the mood is that there is not much to choose between the regime and opposition — they are all the same".

The election is being boycotted by two million Albanians in Kosovo. Since President Milosevic abolished the region's autonomy and imposed martial law in 1989 the Albani-

ans have elected and set up their own parallel parliament and government, most of whose members are in exile, with Dr Ibrahim Rugova their

They are set on full autonomy and are doggedly and patiently pursuing that goal, knowing that Mr Milosevic eventually will concede what-

East Europe at the polls

Petar Stoyanov, the Bulgarian opposition candidate, was heading for victory yesterday in the country's presidential elec-tions, according to exit polls (Our Foreign Staff write). In Bucharest, also yesterday, efforts by President Iliescu of Romania to win re-election may be thwarted by widespread corruption allegations.

The election for the Yugocial for Mr Milosevic, who is aspiring to the post of President of Yugoslavia (Serbia plus Montenegro) after his term as President of Serbia

expires next year. Under the Serbian constitution he cannot be elected for a amend the constitution, should the presidency of Yugo-slavia not be forthcoming, but to do that he needs a twothirds majority in the Serbian parliament. For the presidency of Yugoslavia he needs a simple majority in the federal parliament. Even a marginal victory should allow him to

achieve that ambition. An indication that Mr Milosevic will become President of Yugoslavia comes in reports that the old presidenresidence occupied by President Tito, who ruled until his death in 1980, is being redecorated and refurnished.



There's simply no argument.



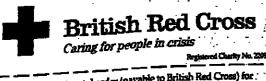
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Marcus du Sautoy asks how we can look at multidimensional shapes when we are equipped with only 3-D vision

Chart the realm of the fourth dimension

Tou have just turned to the science page of The Times. To do so, your brain sent a message in 28-dimensional space to your arm — one dimension for each

Multidimensional space surely belongs to Hollywood sci-fi movies or H.G Wells short stories. But in Cambridge today, fiction becomes a reality. For the next six weeks, the Newton Institute is playing host to mathematicians from around the world who have been blessed with a special talent — an ability to see in four dimensions.

Most of us are happy with the idea of three spatial dimensions. Asked what is the fourth dimension, those who have read their Hawking will probably reply time". For scientists, it has become important to keep track not only of someone's position but the time they are at that position.

But in daily life we are dealing not only with four but many dimensions, or variables. Turning a page — each muscle counts as a variable — is one example. The economy is another. Any government's economic deci-sions can be viewed as a journey through a space with many dimensions, one for interest rates, another for inflation etc. Eddie George and Kenneth Clarke are just like two explorers deciding each month which way to turn next in this multidimensional economic world. Setting off in one direction on interest rates, it is difficult to assess whether, in the inflationary direction, they will hit a hill

or slide down a valley.

For many problems from physics to economics, it is important to know what possible shapes can exist in these multi-

dimensional worlds. But how can we look at these shapes when we are equipped only with three-dimensional vision? One approach is to look at the way we build three-dimensional objects out of two-dimensionai snapes. For exami six squares arranged in the figure to make a cube in three apart. Professor Donaldson's

dimensions. Well, if you want to build a four-dimensional cube. Dali's picture opposite shows the three-dimensional shape that you will have to fold up into four

An alternative way to see yourself in two dimensions is to look at your shadow. It doesn't tell you everything about yourself in three dimensions but it gives you some idea. In the same way, we can study beasts in four dimensions by looking at their shadows in three dimensions.

However, these methods still provide a limited insight into what possible creatures live out there in four dimensions. After all, as with real shadows, two 4-D shapes with the same shadow are not Those necessarily the same

For years mathwho have ematicians have been stumbling around to read their find a decent pair of 4-D glasses through Hawking creatures. Then, in will reply 1982, a young graduate student in Oxford, Simon Donaldson found an unexpected

pair of glasses lying

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yard - Yang-Mills equations. The Yang-Mills equations describe the behaviour of the forces, like gluons and bosons, which hold together sub-atomic particles. They are a more sophisticated version of Maxwell's equations in physics, which tell us how the forces of electricity and magnetism are related.

around in the physicist's back-

Professor Donaldson showed that the solutions of these equations provide a mysterious key to understanding what makes the four-dimensional world tick. He used the solutions to discover a fingerprint which, unlike the 3-D shadows, allowed him to distinguish whether two 4-D shapes were the same. Mathematicians call such fingerprints invariants. As with human beings, the the whole entity but is sufficient shape of a cross. We can fold this to tell humans, and 4D shapes,

work was ground-breaking. It earned him a Fields Medal, equivalent in mathematics to the Nobel prize. But the 4-D specs he had discovered were still very difficult to look through. The main problem with his invariants was that the fingerprints he produced were infinite, extend-

ing for ever. However, physicists Nathan Seiberg at Rutgers University and Ed Witten at Princeton recently tossed a new equation into the debate. The Seiberg-Witten equations extend the Yang-Mills equations by describing not only the forces that

behaves. Professor Witten, famous in the mathematical world for applying his physicist's intuition to answer deep problems in mathematics,

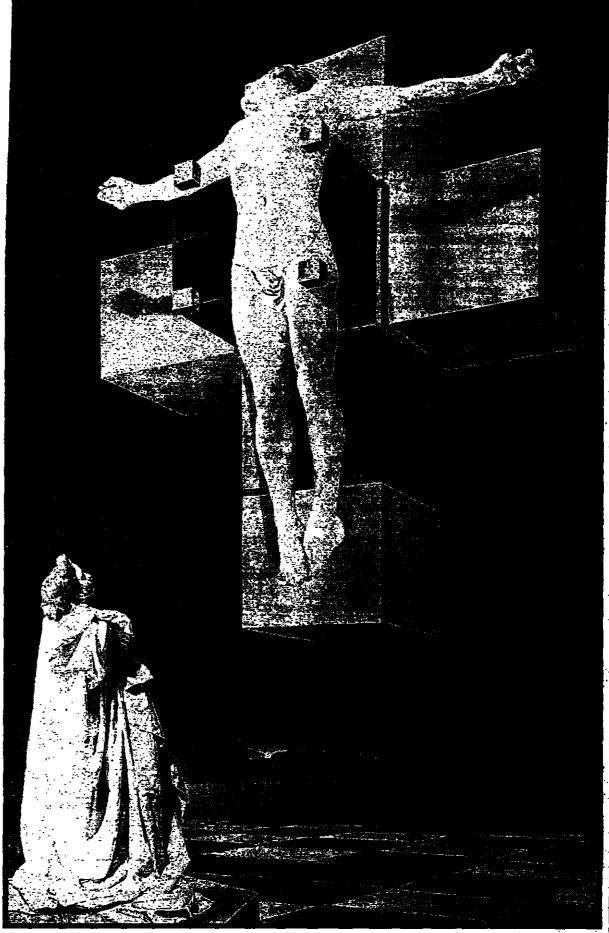
claimed that these new equations provided mathematicians with a new, easier-to-read fingerprint.
What made Profes-

sor Witten's 4-D specs so much clearer is a phenomenon called compactness. This quality makes infinite things look finite. Since mathematicians are essentially finite creatures at heart, they quickly took notice.

If you are confused about multidimensional space, take heart. So are mathematicians. It is still not understood why a bunch of equations in physics should help mathematicians, but the fact is that they do. Meanwhile, the six-week

meeting at the Newton Institute will bring together physicists and these four-dimensional explorers to see how much farther they can peer into this murky world. But, now that physicists have tossed mathematicians a powerful pair of 4-D specs, we can begin to chart the mysterious realms of four dimensions.

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If you want to build a 4-D cube, Dali's picture shows the 3-D shape that you will have to fold up into four dimensions

\Box The games that take time \Box Life in space

Sports for all seasons

season that goes on for ever, while others make do with no more than a couple of dozen games to determine their league championship? Hands

up if you thought this was simply a func-tion of how greedy and grasping the promoters and clubs are. This can't be the whole truth, however. The IIS baseball season lasts a whopping 162 games, while American football makes do with just 16.

SCIENCE BRIEFING Nigel There is no com-Hawkes mensurate difference in the

commercial motives of the people who run the two sports. Now an American psychologist, Dr Nicho-las Christenfeld of the University of California in San Diego, has come up with a different explanation. He believes that season

length is a function of the balance between skill and chance in every sport, "Conare pointless as measures of relative ability," he argues in Nature. Those with too little chance provide no suspense." As a result, sports have over

> seasons that pro vide the right mix to keep spectators interested. He shows this by calculating the reliability of different sports basically the degree to which results can be predicted by examining other results in the same league. For an individual game, this varies

hugely, with the least reliable and the two rugby codes, union and league, the most reliable. Over a season, however, all sports achieve a reliability that is very similar, tending towards a state in which skill and chance

play a roughly equal part in the final outcome. Reliable sports need few games to achieve this; unreli-

Is there anybody out there?

YEARS of silence have failed to dame the spirit of those who en-

joy searching for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence. The most comprehensive search ever to be launched has just begun at the 140ft US National Radio Astronomy Observatory, at Green Bank, West Virginia.

Project Phoenix, a five-year programme privately finan-ced by the SETI Institute, uses sophisticated electronics to scrutinise large numbers of radio channels. The first-ever search, made by Frank Drake in 1960, examined only one radio channel at a time, but the new search will be 100

trillion times more sensitive. This is partly the result of using a larger telescope, but the majority of the improvement comes from digital elec-

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scanning across the radio dial. The receiver linked to the Green Bank telescope can monitor 28 million channels at once, and by stepping the channels slowly up the dial, the searchers will be able to listen to two billion frequency channels between 1,000 and 3,000 Hz. They will point the telescope at nearby Sun-like stars, and have a target list of 1,000 such stars. A second dish at Woodbury, Georgia, will be used to distinguish between genuine extraterrestrial signals and man-made noise from such things as telecommunications satellites

or military radars. Governments are reluctant to finance this kind of thing, so Project Phoenix has raised the \$3-4 million a year-it will cost from entrepreneurs, including William Hewlett and David Packard (of Hewlett-Packard), Gordon Moore of Intel and Paul Allen oftronics that allow rapid Microsoft

Putting a new curve on evolution

An original voice is welcomed by Nigel Hawkes

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from our position of dominance in the world, it is natural for human beings to see evolution as an inevitable process designed to put us there. Natural but wrong, argues the palaeontologist Stephen Jay-Gould in his latest book. Life's Grandeur, to be published by Jonathan Cape. The book attacks the idea that there is anything progressive about evolution. Natural selection, acting on the random varia-tion that occurs in each species, is a directionless process that might just as easily not have produced human intelligence at all

For more than 20 years, Professor Gould has been pro-ducing a stream of stimulating books which have won him a unique reputation. Less obvously, he has also been a passionate follower of baseball, vhose copious statistics de deploys in Life's Grandeur to illustrate how evolution has appeared to progress without in fact doing so at all. It is according to this argument, all a matter of distribution curves which find successful baseball hitters - and the human species - lying at their outer Gould will present these ideas in a Times/Dillon lecture at the Institute of Education in London.

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able sports lots of games. That, in essence, is why the

American football leagues play off in just a single game, while the baseball World Se-FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Ticket number Date sent .





When fat becomes much more than a feminist issue

Nigelia Lawson hails a new women's magazine which celebrates being large

magazine and see pictures of large women looking gorgeous. It's true that women's magazines, and the fashion sections of the whole gamut of newspapers, do sporadically throw sweetmeats to the unmodel-like (the vast majority of their readers) by granting a feature on the therto unrecognised allure of the fleshier female, but somehow it always comes

across as a sop. We all suspect anyway that the fashion editors who run such pieces in the first place would have a nervous breakdown if they even

But eight mil-

Catering for them, then, is not so much a case of special pleading, as a canny recognition that there is a sizeable gap in the market. The contempoeverything be seen as a moral. agenda, a political crusade, but it should be made absohately clear that Encore magazine (I am not sure about the significance of the title - a olea for second helpings, maybej makes no such claims: it is purely a commercial enterorise. Not a newsstand title. but an own-label magazine from Evans (which used to be called Evans Outsize), it is designed solely to sell more of

We shouldn't, then, be surprised if a shop that makes clathes for women of size 16 to

od, how refreshing it is to open a glossy models featured are all nearer a size 16 than a size 32) brings out a magazine to help them tofeel good about it, but it isextraordinary how this fact is leapt upon for signs of deeper meaning. The waif gives way as a new Rubensesque age is ushered in, is a common interpretation: Perhaps this can be put down to wishful thinking, because it ain't going to hap pen. The fat activists can

trumpet this much as the like, but no one is ever going to be convinced that it is better to be fat than thin. I think it is very important that women do see it is possible to look wonsize 10, but that's

same thing. The difficulty, apart from anything else, is that the women who look good in this magazine would look Ladenis, one of the models and Nico, ishe ar use an expression of my late maternal grandmother, surely came by her size honestly) is a beautiful woman; her size is irrelevant. And perhaps that's a key issue in all this. Women care desperately about their and other women's weight men are much less bothered.

Like all women I have had my thinner times and my fatter (right now, postpartum, I'm about in the middle) and at my heavier it is the scrutinising eye of other women that I fear. Women can calibrate another's weight to

all, a size 16. We all know that being larger isn't a sign of hideousness or of moral failure, ON THIS DAY 1987 but still defensiveness remains. Unfortunately, people are rarely honest about that. They prefer (and per-haps understand-ably) to insist that they are happy with their weight, it is the pressure from everyone else
— the magazines,

the billboards, the couturiers - that makes them unhappy. Up to a point, they must be right. It is ghastly not to be able to find anything to wear just because you don't fit into the fantasy shape of some designer who drum for cover if . he ever caught sight of a real bosom, but that's not the

doesn't come into it."

The truth is we all feel better thinner rather than fatter. I took the line of the fat-activists in good faith until I put on three stone after the birth of my first child. And it was hell. I think it is wrong for fat to be demonised: it wasn't the end of the world, but I felt an awful lot better about myself when I'd lost it all: l suspect everyone does.

These days one is frowned upon for saying such a thing. Even to declare that one might be happier thinner (by which, I should add, I don't mean anorexically thin, just a size one can be by eating normally) is seen to be unpalatably

judgmental. Somehow the fat much troubled by a woman's they want to be fat-by-choice fluctuating mass. Luckily, I and fat as victim. And even more muddled is the desire to learnt this lesson young. I was at a party with a boyfriend declare size irrelevant, not to cling to it as a defining feature, the fonce-over to all the other women in the room. "Do you as if the fatness itself were think she's pretty?" I asked some politically charged, ideoabout one girl there. "No," he logically welded bond. And for replied. "But," I countered, all that attractiveness may not "she's got a very good figure." be in indirect ratio to bodyweight (or otherwise), I You can't say things like that," he told me. "Someone's suspect that "size doesn't matter" is no truer when trotted either attractive or they aren't. out to placate women as to That's all there is to it size soothe men. It does matter, but

most significantally to our-I suspect it is harder to see someone's attractiveness when they get over a certain size, but For all the ideologically as every woman who's ever sound sloganising, the real truth is that women do feel put on weight knows to chant: Marilyn Monroe was, after awful about themselves when

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they're overweight and it is the self-hatred, the selfflagellation and the self-disgust that makes them uncare about happy, not the projected judgment of other people. I don't deny that there is a gross intolerance of women who are deemed to have fallen at some notional aesthetic fence: that is unde-

niably distasteful. Fat can be, as Susie Orbach (who is not fat) famously declared, a feminist issue. But it's a lot more besides. Of course, we know it is

overeating that makes you fat. but it is what leads women to overeat which is the problem. It is a victous circle: you feel bad about yourself so you overeat and so you feel bad about yourself, and so on ad often literally — nauseam. Maybe if those over a size 16 or 18 can open a magazine and see people of the same size looking wonderful, they will feel less alienated than when staring balefully at the punishing figures of the more skeletal Fashion is aspirational, but there is no reason why fatter women can't

aspire to look good as well. You can defend, celebrate and admire as much as you want (and I do want) but for ourselves, thanks very much, we'd rather be thin: and isn't that the truth?

NOTES Why fashion is about being thin, by Mary Quant



Xenophobia keeps us buying

Meet Johnny Foreigner

ty may have its sigtheme from The Mission but it has not selected its official beverage. It might do well to choose Blackcurrant Tango, an alarmingly purple soft drink. The drink's TV advert, which has been accused of being anti-European and xenophobic, plays on the same attitudes that members of

the party appear to hold.

The advert has already attracted 36 complaints concerning xenophobia to the Independent Television

Commission, 1t features an office worker reacting to a complaint about the drink from a French student "Johnny French". He marches to the white cliffs of Dover, where he

enters a boxing ring surround ed by hordes waving Union Jacks. He then shouts, "Come on France ... Come on Europe . . . Come on the world ... I drink Tango... Come and get me!" Above him, three fighter jets pre-

Continent Edward McMillan-Scott, the Conservative MEP for North Yorkshire, said that he was saddened by the advert. "It is symptomatic of the attitude to Europe encouraged by Britain's yellow press," he said. But Tim Devlin, MP, the vicechairman of the All Party Group for France, found it funny. "I think the average Frenchman would like it and laugh."

The problem word is "average". Much advertising portrays the "average" foreigner. Take the Carling

depicted the overweight Germans rushing to occupy the best poolside spot. They were defeated by an Englishman who bounced his towel across the pool to unfurl onto the best sun lounger. All this to The Dambusters theme. That advert attracted 33 complaints to the ITC.

But it is not just the Germans who are stereotyped. If our view of the French was based on adthe "average" French person's day to run thus: Wake

up, organise a blockade of the Channel ports

— Carling Black We may Label. Have laugh, lunch with an absurdly pretty but Spend the afterthe joke noon not letting your daughter know about your affair — Renault Clio. on us

For the evening, be easily placated by your daughter and son-in-law's lateness by their offer of cheap wine -

It is our view of foreigners that makes The Referendum Party's latest advert so successful. Under the words, "Meet the British Government", it shows the 20 EU Commissioners, under which is listed their nationalities. "Disgraceful," the reader is supposed to think, "These are nearly all Johnny Foreigners!"

Xenophobic adverts will never stop, but the joke is on us. Adverts that are xenophobic usually sell foreign goods. We buy those goods. We may laugh, but it is Johnny Foreigner who gets our cash.

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POETRY AND REMEMBRANCE

Starting today: Kenneth Baker MP's selection of war poems from his new anthology. Part 1: Melville and the American Civil War

orace himself had served as a soldier in the civil war that followed Julius Caesar's assassination and, having committed himself to Brutus, he had been on the losing side at the battle of Philippi (42 BC). The ode of his, which contains the words Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori. is the classic expression of the most noble justification for war. Jonathan Swift translated this as:

How blest is he, who for his Country dies: Since Death pursues the

Coward as he flies. It was a duty to die for one's country, for the nation was greater than the individual. The Latin line has been chiselled into innumerable war memorials and paraphrased by leaders throughout history, both to encourage men to make the preme sacrifice and to con-

For many, going to war has

been a joyous and uplifting business. Ben Jonson re-minded a friend that fighting revives "man's buried hon-

Julian Grenfell, who was to be killed by shrapnel in May. 1915, wrote to his mother about his own experience of fighting: "I adore war. It is like a big picnic. I have never been so well or so happy."

Even after five months in the trenches, warfare had kept for him the air of a knightly adventure: but for most that spirit was soon to sink beneath the mud of

In the American Civil War. Herman Melville saw four regiments of Union troops marching out of town, "with fifes, and flags in mottoed pageantry... like the gods sublime". These same soldiers were packed into boats on the Potomac River, and attacked by Confederate forces at Ball's Bluff: a thousand were killed.

The Faber Book of War Poetry is available to readers of The Times at the special reduced price of £17, a sav ing of £3 off the publisher's price. To order, call The



A child pays tribute in the Field of Remembrance in the garden of St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey



Recruiting for the Confederate Army, Woodstock

HERMAN MELVILLE

Ball's Bluff

A Reverie

One noonday, at my window in the town, I saw a sight - saddest that eyes can see -Young soldiers marching lustily Unto the wars,

With fifes, and flags in mottoed pageantry: While all the porches, walks, and doors Were rich with ladies cheering royally.

They moved like Juny morning on the wave, Their hearts were fresh as clover in its prime (It was the breezy summer time),

Life throbbed so strong. How should they dream that Death in a rosy clime Would come to thin their shining throng? Youth feels immortal, like the gods sublime.

Weeks passed; and at my window, leaving bed, By night I mused, of easeful sleep bereft, On those brave boys (Ah War! thy theft): Some marching feet

Found pause at last by cliffs Potomac cleft; Wakeful I mused, while in the street Far footfalls died away till none were left.

Celebrating the discreet charm of retro chic

ler Corporation has adopted the 2CV as its flagship, or rather flagcar, for the emerging markets of China, India and South America heralds what may prove to be an explosion of industrial grave-robbing as 20th-century design classics, previously consigned to the design dustbin, are reworked for a millen-

When it first appeared in 1948, the 2CV's designer, Pierre Boulanger, decreed that From 'classic' toasters to Burt Bacarach and Bakelite telephones, retro style is the rage. Giles Coren looks at our obsession with the near past

it should be able to carry a farmer, a few chickens, and a basket of newly hatched eggs safely across a ploughed field. The new version, known as the CCV, comes with a more prosaic marketing pitch: "It is a people's car for an expandtioned between a motorcycle and a traditional entry-level car or truck," says a Chrysler

press release. Considerably nearer to the motorcycle, some might say.

Ridiculed at conception, and mourned only by students and scrap merchants when European safety regulations sent it to the guillotine in 1990, the clusively proves that you have only to change the blurb, and time can be made to stand still.

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OUT NOW IN HARDBACK AND AUDIO

Surfing on a crest of Burt Bacarach records, hipsters, analogue watches and telephones with letters on, we, the omnipotent consumers, are about to take a trip through time, shelling out again for the very things we were only recently so happy to give away to Oxfam.

For years we were satisfied with the standard chrome-

finished Russell Hobbs kettle. designed in 1956. And then, in the late 1970s, someone found a new plastic. Kemata acetal copolymer, which could withstand constant transition between coolness and great heat, and the plastic kettle was. born. With it came an entirely new concept: the jug kettle. First launched by Redring Electrical in 1979 it has dominated the market ever since.

glimmers on the newly unrewooded kitchen surfaces of every image-conscious middle-class home in Britain. It is none other than the same rusty old thing you binned in a plastic frenzy in the early 1980s, scrubbed and polished and back on the market. A similar reversal is taking place in the world of the toaster, too. If Roberts Radios, in such a high-tech world, can still rip out a profit selling woodentopped, 1940s-style radios with a straight-up aerial, then why shouldn't someone bring out a crystal set again? Bang & Olufsen, perhaps? (Grundig, I can exclusively reveal, is about to launch a huge wooden televison with a tiny curved screen and no remote control. Best of all, it receives only in black and white, turning even the frothiest Keanu Reeves vehicle instantly into a film noir.}

Xerox, too, may feel tempted to resurrect the Roneo machine. Who did not thrill to the about to alcohol smell of those proto-photoshell out copies they used to hand out in school, on things with their shiny paper and purple writing? To bring them back would we gave to Oxfam have a fantastically positive effect on

education. The ink used to fade after about 20 copies, so classes would have to go back to being that small again. And you wouldn't get cancer, as you do from a wordprocessor. Not to mention the benefits of the exercise you would get from cranking the handle. By way of competing, Canon could make a killing selling carbon paper to the Chinese, and those old-fashioned paper guillotines (the gerontocracy could use them for chopping off people's hands, if there wasn't any

paper). And what about Dymotape? Let us faunch a counterrevolution against the miserable Post-it note. Lurking in attics all over this proud nation are millions of those squeezy gun things with the dial on the top that always gets one letter wrong which you don't notice until you have clicked out an entire sentence. Both the guns themselves, and the plastic strips with their embossed white lettering of bruised polymer, could easily



Radio retro: this Roberts model in black suede cost 18 guineas in 1960. Price today: £2,000

It may sound absurd, but look at the Triumph Thunderbird. Once the icon and transport of a generation, and Marlon Brando's choice in The Wild One, it looked to be dead with the closure of Triumph in the 1970s. But Triumph has started up again, and is making the classic once more: same look, same badge updated engine. It's on the cover of all the bike magazines, biker-boys in their for-

ties are chuffed to bits, and Pamela Anderson even showed up on one in *Barb Wir*e. It would be nice to see the same

thing done for the original football. Away with these laminated, waterproof, lightweight things. Bring back the brown ones, stitched from strips rather than hexa-

gons of leather, that absorbed water, and couldn't be kicked off the ground after half-time on a wet day. What the modern game needs is a few broken neeks. And then you would have to bring back the old-fashioned boot. That would put paid to all this fancy, European-style passing.

And who will stick their neck out to bring back the Thermos flask with glass inside, that broke if you raised your voice near it?

It is surely no more ludicrous a suggestion than the exhuming of the Bakelite dial. telephone. But that has reappeared, albeit with buttons in the finger holes, so you get that retro-feel without the immense effort of dialling. Why not bring back the 1875 Remington Rand typewriter, and hook it up to a PC? You would get the familiar clang of typing and the cachet of a design classic, with the correctability of a

computer. And, of course, it would be an ideal excuse to resurrect the **DIGITAL DEAL**



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'I felt that I had met my destiny'

still remember in vivid detail the day she first read anything by Harold Brodkey. It was a short story about helping his adoptive mother to come to terms with dying. Ellen, who was grieving for her father, was affected so powerfully by it that she felt compelled to write to him.

"I couldn't imagine what to say, so I wrote: There doesn't seem to be anything to say but I love you. Please never stop

That was more than 20 years ago and Ellen, then a middle-aged, middle-class New York housewife and mother of three, did not feel sufficiently brave to post it. Brodkey, after all, was already a controversial figure of some renown, regarded by some as one of America's greatest living writers, and by others as an amusing fraud, on the ground that his output - a collection of short stories and articles - was exceptional but

Ellen tucked the letter in her desk drawer and read and reread A Story In An Almost Classical Mode, "shaking my head and trying to figure out how he did it. It touched me so much, it reached me in places I had never been touched

When the chance came a few years later to meet the author, she resisted. "I had read everything he had written by then, I was such an ardent admirer, but I didn't want to spoil the cerebral image I had

By this time she had forged a minor literary reputation of her own, writing a first novel which received favourable reviews. Along the way she had become were also friends of Brodkey's and who were insistent that she should meet him.

Eventually she gave in to curiosity and agreed to meet Brodkey at one mutual friend's Madison Avenue bookshop. Two weeks later she left her husband for him. It was a fusion both physical

and metaphysical. They were ingether 17 years, until he died of Aids in January this year. Faced with this century's most

A middle-class, middle-aged New York housewife gave up everything to be with the writer Harold Brodkey, who died of Aids this year. Interview by Sandra Parsons

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shameful disease, he reacted in classic Brodkey fashion, with an article in *The New Yorker* entitled "To My Readers", It began: "I have Aids."

Although openly homosex-ual for long periods between the end of his first marriage in 1960 and his subsequent marriage to Ellen in October 1980, he was, he said, surprised. because: "I have not been exposed since 1977 . . . "

Does Ellen believe that? "Harold always told the truth and if he had wanted to have an open When you relationship he would have said so. He didn't slink are living around, he was very courageous alout final ways. We were to-gether 17 years but things you we were never apart. We finally decided to go to

each other's sight. Although of course if you want to be unfaithful there is always an opportunity. But in fact there is no way either of us would, we wanted to be together and we trusted each other, although for people who have no experience of fidelity it will be impossible to convince

separate gyms at

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It is hard to imagine anyone being unfaithful to her, least of all Brodkey, whose lyrical account of dying is dedicated an unbearably moving testament to their love.

At 62, she is a beautiful woman, graceful and straightbacked in a perfectly cut black trouser suit. Formidably strong, there is also a wisdom and gentleness there. It is impossible to better Brodkey's description of her: "A fineboned tyrant who looks a bit

like a small Garbo." She never doubted she had done the right thing in leaving

her husband for him. "I felt I had met my destiny. Most of us live in a fictional universe, you tell yourself stories all day long, and that was the way lived up until I met Harold. who didn't have a fantasy life. He was the only person I have ever known who really lived in

the present moment.
"When you come across a person like this with whom you negotiate each minute. you can't say to such a person. what future do we have?

because he will say, how do I know?", which is the truth. He won't say, 'we'll be together until the day we die. Harold wouldn't do that polite lying. And so I felt I just had to be with him and I didn't ask how. We just did it. I think my children understood - two were

in college and one still in high school - although they were very upset. But as it turned out I think they have profited deeply from knowing Harold, who was a very profound influence."

Brodkey was hard work but Ellen did not mind. She looked after him in every way, run-ning the house, editing his writing, freeing him to think and to create. He had spent 29 years writing his first novel, The Runaway Soul, constantly perfection. It made him the reported inspiration for Jay McInemey's character Victor Propp in Brightness Falls, whose "reputation grew with each book he failed to publish".

When The Runaway Soul was finally published, in 1991, it received mixed reviews. Salman Rushdie hailed it as "an epic of the interior world ... worth a hundred safe little



American critic concluded: "Death would have been a smarter career move." Ellen, however, had no

doubt that her husband possessed a huge talent, and voluntarily put her own liter-ary career on hold to dedicate herself to his. "He needed an inordinate amount of care, he spent all his time thinking and his editor. I couldn't carry his language in my head and write my books as well, but in life we all make judgments and his work was more valuable than mine, that was my decision."

negative I was not as happy as I thought I would be. I was kind of horrified, but then

relieved, because it meant I

could take care of Harold and

that he could have a civilised

He never said, why me? Ever.

He said to me, 'I'm 62 and I

never expected to live this

long. Don't look away, death is

maybe the greatest adventure of all. Let's do this with our eyes open. Just watch in awe, watch me as I die and learn,

"I said, 'it's easy to be strong now, it's after that it's going to be difficult because I can't imagine a life that doesn't include you being here. He said: I'm not going to leave you, and you know it. I am

going to be around.' And he is.

I'm not a mystic, I'm not New

Age, but I feel very keenly the

quality of energy that was his, and I recall him. It's enor-

It took him almost three years

to die, which might seem a

prolonged agony, but in fact, says Ellen with gentle solemnity, they were profoundly happy.

"When you are living out

final things you can put aside

the pettiness of life. It focuses

you incredibly on each other

and you live in a cocoon of

sorts, with nothing but

thoughts of great beauty and

great emotion around you.

Before he was ill Harold was always calling me to look

through the window at a

STOMOHROW.

Harold Brodkey's testament to their

mously comforting."

see what it's like."

Te often said it's

not so terrible.

He didn't rage against dying.

death and some dignity.

When she learnt he had Aids she assumed tests would show she was HIV-positive, too. "I had to wait ten days to find out but I felt certain that I would be, so we decided we would straighten our affairs well-made books", while one and then commit suicide together and not burden anyone with this nightmare. And then when I discovered that I was

wonderful sunset and I'd say, 'yes, very nice', but now we would lie stretched on the bed holding hands, really seeing. It created a kind of profound happiness that I have not experienced before. The only thing I can liken it to is when

my children were born." He died at home, while Ellen was asleep - which she did only between midnight him the moment that he died, emperor on one of those coins, dying so courageously. Of November 11, E14.99

but I sort of knew it was going to happen when I was asleep in the other room because Harold was so perverse always. He died at five in the morning. The nurse came rushing in and said she had waited two or three seconds but there was no next breath. I went in and kissed him. and held his hand for a bit. He died of wasting so he was extremely

his face was very stark and very beautiful and very

She continues to live in their Manhattan apartment, editing his work for a book of short stories. "But I am not completely miserable. It was awful, but I emerged with more strength because Harold showed me that dying is part of living. It was a privilege to

to time. In 62 years I never met anyone else who could match up to this man and I don't expect to ever again. The hardest thing about living alone is there is no one there to tell you the truth. But I had it for a while and I am grateful. more than you can know."

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Leaving music

DOUG VARONE has done rather well for himself on the occasion of his British debut. two London festivals. Dance Umbrella showcases the cutting edge of contemporary choreography from both Britain and abroad; the South Bank's American Independents celebrates America's "maverick" artistic voices. Unfortunately. Doug Varone and Dancers scores poorly on both

can brought on Friday conkind of music that has served

DANCE

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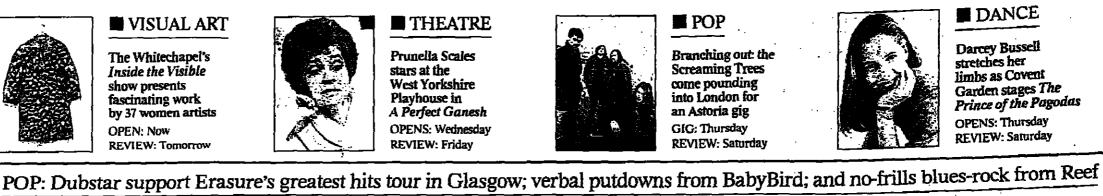
other choreographers well. But where they have respond-ed to musical specifics with an equally specific dance language. Varone seems content to let the music do the work for him, churning out a succession of derivative choreography that amounts to little more than movement accompaniment. And since all the music was taped, the potential for exciting our ears, if not our eyes, was greatly diminished.

The bill opened with Aperture, a trio (set to Schubert's Moments Musicaux No 2) whose movement dynamic grows from a whisper to a wave but leaves no lasting impression. Motet, for lour dancers to Mozart's Exsultate, Jubilate, is fluid, loose and voluble, but glides prosaically

Varone himself took the stage for a duet with Gwen Welliver, In Thine Eyes, which uses Michael Nyman's Noises, Sounds and Sweet Airs. The style is staccato, the movements broken up into their component parts, the dancers, like mechanical dolls. trying to solve the ouzzle of articulate physical communication. But this, like everything else, fails to advance a strong argument

metries has been a gift to choreographers. The score's forceful punctuation, its momentum, its spaciousness and suspense all give dance-makers much to go on. Yet Varone's Rise has none of the edge and energy of Adams's wonderful music. What we get instead is t'ai chi in overdrive. show presents fascinating work

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DEBRA CRAINE

Journey into the past

Teil Tennant of the Pet Shop Oasis-style guitar rock on Boys, a band which sparkly one side and younger synthesizer trio Dubstar evoke in their more inspired moments, once remarked that one advantage of being pop rather than rock is not having to prove you can perform live. This is a lesson which these taciturn northern newcomers seem to have taken to heart.

Not that opulent tunes such as Disgraceful and Not So Manic Now lost their lustre in the grand hall of Glasgow's Barrowland ballroom on Saturday: they merely failed to connect with the crowd. Then again, perhaps Dubstar's bewitching mix of luxuriant melody and sharp lyrical melancholy simply proved too subtle for devotees of Erasure's brash populism.

Yet even Erasure themselves seem to be losing their grip on popular taste nowadays. Top ten regulars for the past decade, they have recently found themselves squeezed out by the rise of

teen-pop acts on the other, With their last two

albums proving to be largely hit-free, left-field affairs, this odd couple have taken the most dangerous step any pure pop band can take: they have grown up, trusting in their fans to mature with them. Sadly, it appears the fans want their old Erasure back.

Hence this greatest hits tour, which could be viewed as a salvage operation on the duo's flagging career. Not that singer Andy Bell or computer boffin Vince Clarke are making any secret of their reduced circumstances — they have, after all, christened this "The Tiny Tour". Which indeed it is; their last nationwide jaunt, in 1992, packed out venues five times larger than this with a huge Broadway-style production. The Barrowland's show, in contrast, ran to two backing singers and a tacky set reminiscent of Top of the Pops

Erasure performer and flamboy-

ant gay icon, to provide the dramatic interest. This he did, though his fake, hairy chest and lumbering ballerina moves were more pub stripper than pop superstar. And while durable party anthems

such as A Little Respect and Victim of Love were glowingly received, their presentation seemed laboured and haphazard. Most jarring of all was Clarke's electronic message board, which flashed the somewhat desperate suggestion "clap along if you like" during the duo's sombre new single. In My Arms. Few heeded his advice.

For the set's mid-section, Bell squeezed into a shiny, satin ballgown while Clarke abandoned his machines for an acoustic guitar. But the subsequent parade of largely faceless torch songs was, no pun intended, a drag. After that, fortunately, it was back to

in the early 1980s. So it the hits. Bell changed costume once fell to Bell, a natural again and the pair unleashed a volley the swooning Oh L'Amour, the romp-Blue Savannah. Here Erasure deliv ered a stream of simple, memorable hooklines and gushing, gospel-tinged harmonies. Significantly, though, most of these compact mini-operas date from their early albums, giving this heroic final sprint the slightly shop-

soiled air of a rock reunion show. Erasure will always entertain, and they retain a huge backlog of goodwill thanks to their unforced, common touch. Their imminent new album may even solve their current career crisis with a return to mainstream chart success. But there is a limit to how long even the most affable of bands can rest on their laurels before becoming a nostalgic cabaret turn.

STEPHEN DALTON

Steve's flying fur and feather land

WHEN You're Gorgeous climbed to No 3 in the singles charts, it transformed Baby Bird's Steve Jones from a cult figure into one of the unlikeliest stars of 1996.

Until recently, BabyBird's celebrity was confined to Jones's Sheffield bedroom, where he wrote and recorded 400 songs in the space of six years. But they and he went almost completely unnoticed until he hit upon the DIY notion of releasing five limited edition albums in 12 months. Now signed to a major label, BabyBird's "official" debut album, Ugly Beautiful, was

You probably do not have to look much further than the album's title to find the secret to BabyBird's increasing appeal. Neither Jones nor the rest of his band looks like an obvious pop star. However, there seemed to be something about their big, burly figures that appealed to their Camden audience; it also allowed Jones to hurl a barrage of abuse at whomever he cared to, outstaring and outswearing anyone who dared to heckle him. Of course, Jones's verbal putdowns are an essential part of BabyBird's careful

BabyBird Electric Ballroom

cabaret — a kind of Mike Flowers Pops fronted by the most recent Prime Suspect hero, the Street. When he sang the lines: "I'm like a bad day on your good, good night" from the band's first hit single Goodnight, he not only gave the audience one of the two songs that many of them had paid specifically to hear, but also set the agenda for the

entire evening.

During the next hour, Jones watched the audience lap up his insults and his ridiculously catchy songs and, by the encore, he was sashaying triumphantly across the stage, singing "I don't need you". intended irony left well

and truly behind. Returning to the stage for a second time to do the early single, Lemonade Baby. Jones sang the line "I'm so lucky, just like Kylie", in the tones of a man who has spent years waiting for his Warholian moment and is determined to enjoy every last second of it.

ANN SCANLON

Durable formula

THERE is a strand of rau-cous, no-frills, British bluesrock that is often thin on the ground, but has never entirely invented by Free in 1968. Three decades and one anagram later, we have Reef.

Hailing from the West Country, and currently enjoy-ing their biggest hit yet, with their single Place Your Hands, Reef play a bit faster than Free and don't really go While their lyrics do not exactly tag them as a group of deep thinkers, and their look is unlikely to become associated with any fashionable trend, they are one of those ultraserviceable acts that could go mega at any moment, but will always thrive securely enough

on their own terms. On stage they have a 'guest" keyboard player. tucked away in the shadows. discreetly fleshing out the arrangements, but otherwise they stick to the generic lineup of guitar, bass, drums and vocals. Watching Reef through their paces makes you realise just how durable this ancient formula has

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new songs in which the rhythm section skilfully teases out the swing from some severely chunky, sledgehame mer riffs, while Gary Stringer hollers his bluesy melody lines like a man suffering a bout of high fever and the sore throat from hell. With his long hair, loose trousers and lazy, anthropoid strut. Stringer has bags of rough-hewn charisma. The set draws to a close with

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an extended arrangement of Choose To Live, during which Kenwyn House conjures some impressively spacey feedback noises from his guitar while the band winds up to a monumental climax. A final, stonking version of Naked has the balcony floor bouncing worryingly like a swimming pool springboard.

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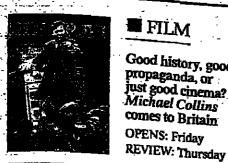
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The first quarter-century

Rodney Milnes sees Thomas Allen celebrate 25 years at Covent Garden in a revival of Don Giovanni

wo quarter-century anniversaries converged at Covent Garden on Friday: 25 years of the Midland Bank Proms, and Thomas Allen's 25th year with the Royal Opera - this Giovanni was his 480th performance for the company. There was no hint of nostalgia in Jeremy Isaacs's presentation speech: there are plainly another 25 years left in the ever-youthful Allen, or as many as this great and generous artist cares to give us.

And I trust the Midland Bank Proms, one of the most enlightened acts of sponsorship, will continue ad infinitum. In 1971 the very principle of sponsorship was in its infancy. Colin Davis's joint musical directorship of Covent Garden and the BBC Symphony Orchestra gave birth to the idea, and the first ROH Prom was series. The expense of removing the stalls seats and admitting 700 Prommers at 50p a throw was too much for the house to carry even in those days of comparatively generous

subsidy; a sponsor had to be found. Those present at Boris Godunov on July 26, 1971, will never forget it. No one quite knew how this weird experiment was going to turn out, least of all Boris Christoff in the title role. But the football-crowd roar at the curtain-call after the Coronation Scene surprised even that old trouper, whose eyes opened as wide as saucers: the rest of the performance was simply electrifying. And so on, for 25 years: near eyeball-to-eyeball contact between the best that opera and ballet can offer and an unstuffy audience thirsty for that best.

The list of Allen's achievements could easily take up the rest of this notice, but mustn't: not just his Mozart roles, his Budd, his Pelleas, his Onegin, his Posa, but his smouldery Patroclus in King Priam, and just about the creepiest Melot ever, decked out in a red-setter wig and Burne-Jones nightie in the memorable Peter Hall Tristan. And hit should give masterclasses in

career management, having taken on new roles like Beckmesser and Don Alfonso at just the right moment, and adding two more next year: Morone in Palestrina and the Baron in

Chérubin. The future beckons. Don Giovanni remains one of his great parts, and the joy of Friday's performance was its utter freshness; you would never guess that he has been singing the role for 20 years. He was in marvellous voice, caressing La ci darem and the Serenade as only he knows how, and his subtle lightening of the "black" — literally — Schaaf production is all to the good. He remains a cold-blooded psychopath, but one with moments of humour and poisonous charm: his autopilot erotomaniac farewell to Donna Anna, which gives the game away, chilled the blood.

ut this was no one-man show: the rest of the castwas superb. Anthony Rolfe Johnson sang the first lines of both Ottavio's arias quite exquisitely, and went on from there. Felicity Lott, every note spot-on, made Elvira daffy and lovable, despite shortness of temper with her maid. Lucio Gailo's young, clever Leporello was fascinatingly unconventional. The Icelandic bass Tomas Tomasson made a notable house debut as Masetto and forged a riveting partnership with Alison Hagley's spitfire Zerlina; this marriage will be ex-tremely eventful. Robert Lloyd was the practised Commendatore, and Yvonne Kenny, while vocally not one of nature's Donna Annas, sang with characteristic musicianship.

The one disappointment was Dietfried Bernet's conducting, which fell between two stools: not the briskness we expect in Mozart nowadays, but gentle Viennese tempos of which he and the players failed to take advantage in matters of nuance weight and rhythmical accent. It all sounded a bit ironed-out, with the anusico-dramatic surface of the score barely ruffled.



Thomas Allen in the title role of Don Giovanni: "the joy of his performance was its utter freshness"

Creativity of the outsiders

Hilary Finch reports on a festival celebrating the contribution Jews have made to Viennese artistic life

7 ienna 1900, "There was no place", wrote the writer and collector Stefan Zweig, "where it was easier to be a European." And nine-tenths of what the world celebrated as Viennese culture was, he pointed out, "a culture promoted, nurtured, or in some cases even created by

Viennese Jewry".

It would have been easy to celebrate the gilded Jugendstil world of Schoenberg and Klimt, of Otto Wagner and Wittgenstein, of Freud, Kraus and Schnitzler. But the Festival of Austrian-Jewish Culture, organised by the Austrian Institute in collaboration with the Bnai Brith Jewish Music Festival, and taking place in London until November 24, is very much about the present and the future; about issues at the

heart of our own fin de siècle. Jewish culture is experiencing a resurgence in Austria's capital. No one is talking about a renaissance of Vienna 1900 but, as Harry Weber's photographic exhibition at the Austrian Institute shows. there is quite a buzz. What accounts for the tenacity of Jewish culture in what has been, in its time, a virulently anti-Semitic city? Chaim Eisenberg, the Chief Rabbi of Austria, points out that it is not so much Viennese Jews who have clung to Vienna, as the constant influx of immigrants which has reinvigorated the

community's cultural life. Emil Brix, the director of the Austrian Cultural Institute who initiated the idea for the festival, emphasises the plurality of Viennese culture. For him, plurality and persecution are two sides of the same coin. "Only with the creative tension of a city like Vienna, with its fusion of cultural traditions, can something truly innovative be born. And with it, of course, come all the problems of others feeling estranged and threatened by something foreign, something difficult. People prefer to be comfortable in their culture. This has never been possible in Vienna.

The festival's wide-ranging, month-long programme of symposiums, literary evenings and exhibitions explores many of the paradoxes within this plurality. It is all very much a personal mission for Brix who, as a student in the early 1980s. "felt conscious of how conservative, how provincial Vienna had become. We felt Vienna had to change, and such change was not possible from within, but only from trying to recreate old bonds. And most difficult, of course, was the bond with the Jewish people because we Central Europe-ans had killed the Jews."

Both Eisenberg and Brix are optimistic about the future, despite the rise of the far-right Freedom Party, which won 28 per cent of the vote in the recent Austrian elections to the European Parliament. "It's scary, but it's not a threat," Eisenberg says. "If the Freedom Party gets a million votes. we're not talking about a million Nazis. We must see things in a balanced way."

Brix says his country is facing the biggest challenge since the turn of this century. "We can and must change this plurality from something dangerous to something creative." • For more details about the Festival of Austrian-Jewish Cul-ture, telephone 0171-638 8891

CONCERTS: A new Peter Maxwell Davies premiered; a Swedish soprano causes a sensation

Model modernity

STRATHCLYDE is dead: long live the Strathclyde Concertos. Although the local authority which commissioned the project no longer exists, the first nine of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's concertos for the Scottish Chamber Orchestra have already achieved hundreds of performances between them. The tenth and last, introduced to the world by the SCO under the composer's direction in Glasgow and Edinburgh last week, will add

significantly to the total. One reason why Strathclyde Concerto No 10 should gain ready acceptance is that, without being excessively difficult. it is well calculated to display the virtuoso potential of a small orchestra. Subtitled Conserto for Orchestra, it additions to a modern tradition most familiarly represented by Bartok's late masterpiece which along with Schoen-berg's Chamber Symphony Op 9, was clearly a model for

I have my doubts about the long-term durability of the perky little tune which emerges on piccolo near the beginning of the last of the three movements. What saves this finale is not so much its

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heroic timpani part as the slow moving undercurrent which surfaces in the middle and which remains briefly exposed at the very end after the festive activity has died

At the end of a concert in which Sir Peter Maxwell Da-vies conducted also a bustling account of Haydn's Symphony No 23 in G and Arve Tellefsen both directed the orchestra and played the solo part in an efficient performance of Mozart's Violin Concerto in G, the Strathclyde Concerto No 10 was well received by the audience in the Queen's Hall. Having observed the series of concertos come together over the past nine or ten years, they were no doubt happy to find that the once troublesome dislocation between the material and its treatment in these works has at last been resolved in a score as frank about its romantic inclinations as it is successful in realising them.

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IN THE second of his London Symphony Orchestra concerts, Riccardo Chailly tackled Wagner and Schoenberg. In Act 1 of Die Walkure he

Katarina Dalayman.

proved a less than perfect Wagnerite, but that hardly mattered: every other aspect of Thursday's performance paled next to the Sieglinde of the young Swedish soprano

Dalayman possesses what must be the most natural Sieglinde voice around. She poured out streams of sensuous tone, from glearning top to a mezzo-like lower register, and brought the essence of Sieglinde's character to life, communicating her awakening passion with a mixture of radiant poise and excitement. The rest of the LSO's mini-

Swedish passion

LSO/Chailly Barbican

cast was solid. Wolfgang Schmidt's tenor tended to set at a throaty, abrasive forte, but he is a genuine Siegmund. At first a little hectoring, he settled down to sing with power, and showed musicianship in the quiet opening of his Winterstürme. The Norwegian bass Gudjon Oskarsson was in resonant voice as Hunding, but his carefully

sculpted singing deprived the character of much of his menace. Chailly seemed content to give a concert perfor-mance of the score, without dramatic urgency to make it sound like the first act of a great opera. He drew excellent playing and favoured big or-chestral sound, and it was only towards the end that he managed to raise the emotion-

al temperature. Wagner to early Schoenberg is a small step, and even Chailly's Verklarte Nacht sounded a little cool and calculating. The LSO strings played with luminosity, allowing Chailly to shape a cogent account which flowed from darkness to light.

JOHN ALLISON

Son rises in the West

ONE of the pleasures of these plays is watching the tricks of the playwright's craft mirror the political cunning of the characters. Hal's playful denunciation of Falstaff while acting his father, for example, prefig-ures his actual denunication with the inevitability of

night following day. Stephen Unwin's production for English Touring Theatre relishes the paradoxes, and adds a significant one of its own in having real-life father and son (Timothy and Sam West) play surrogate father and surrogate son (Falstaff and Hal). We are first shown the king (majestic Gary Waldhorn) with old-fashioned pomp and grandeur at court, and then his son cavorting with thieves in Eastcheap. But from the first, Hal's reserve, even in the middle of a great joke, seemingly carefree days.

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marks him as Henry's son rather than Falstaff's. The clarity of Unwin's production is admirable both for communicating a plot full of historical complexities and for the actors' speaking voices (only a few of the minor characters are difficult to hear). Unwin's approach is conventional. almost old-fashioned, in order to allow Shakespeare's verse and the actors' skill to stand alone. But what the production gains in clarity it loses in fun. Even in their most Falstaff's gags lack hilarity. Perhaps it is that the production takes a hard moral line on Falstaff, or perhaps West Sr is taking a back seat to allow his son to shine (which he does). His performance is always excellent but almost too understated.

Pamela Howard's enchanting designs and Paule Constable's exquisite lighting sketch in the numerous locations to maximum effect. When Hotspur (a disappointing Paterson Joseph) meets Glendower he does so under a starry sky with a few cushions and a sheepskin thrown down around a fire — a romantic setting for a rebel conference. With Corin Buckeridge's uplifting between-scenes music. they brighten up even the dullest stretches of this Shakespearean marathon.

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Because we are masters of all we survey, we forget how our dominion is likely to end

nyone who has stood at dawn among the fortifications of Machu Picchu in Peru will understand the little shudder which follows. To feel the confidence that breathes through the handiwork of any great civilisation now wrecked is to pause and wonder about the final pros-

pect for our own.

News emerged last week that carbon-dating of the hull of a Greek ship sunk off Turkey suggests a technological and cultural sophis-tication in existence 3,300 years ago — long before we had supposed. A Times leading article rejoiced at the find. But why rejoice? If other civilisations reached so high so early and came to nothing, what hope is there

In a speech made years ago. Chris Patten remarked (I recount the passage from memory) that if a spacecraft visiting our planet in the centuries before Christ had touched down in China. its captain would have encountered a highly developed culture: a people with an ordered system of govern-

ment and a fine body of recorded knowledge and achievement: cultural, technical. mathematical, legal and scienti-fic. Why, they had even invented gunpowder.

They made better fireworks - sadly - than they do now. Such people themselves to be masters of their universe, lords of

If the same spacecraft had then touched down in Britain, it would have encountered a few savages daubed in mud. On what rational basis, Mr Patten mused, have concluded otherwise than that the Chinese had established an irreversible lead? Were they not within sight of domination of their

When Daniel O'Connell. an Irish Catholic, ridiculed Disraeli's Jewish ancestry. the MP snapped back: "Yes, I am a Jew, and when the ancestors of the Right Honourable gentleman were bruial savages in an unknown land, mine were priests in the temple of Solomon."

The repost squashed O'Connell, but it provokes a more reflective thought: how had Solomon's kingdom (if not his people) vanished? We shrink from articulating it. but I think we believe - we certainly act as though we believe that our own command is now unlikely ever to be lost. That is not to say we do not enjoy the frisson of apocalyptic discourse, or that we never tremble at the possible consequences of our own sheer strength: global warming, ozone depletion. nuclear holocaust . . . these are real fears; but we believe ourselves capable of preventative action.

Nor is it to say we always approve of the way our civilisation is going. We diagnose moral ills. quail at unwelcome trends in sociery. But to bewail what our

ing to an end. Few act as though they believe that. Why not? If Solomon's temple came down; if the Sumerians and the Egyptians faltered; if the Greeks came to naught; if Rome fell: if China reverted; if the Incas imploded; if the strange towers and fortifications you will find in the Zimbabwe ruins so overshadow the primitive culture which was encountered squatting in their shade. why should we prove un-

world is coming to is differ-ent, though it may not sound different, from an

honest belief that it is com-

Do we think that even if empires rise and fall (as the British Empire did), there is an underlying, unimpeded progress, because an empire can only be superseded by a superior empire? This consolation is simply not true. The Romans yielded only to a dark age: Chinese civilisation did

precedentedly different?

not so much yield as crumble, the Incas had already passed their zenith when Looking Spain struck. In back on the every case, much ruins of that had been learnt was simply other lost - forgotten

civilisations, obliterated. Or do we imagwhat hope ine there is a can we see point in human progress which, for ours? once passed, makes retreat im-

possible - that none of these previous civilisations had gained a sufficiently complete mastery of their world to entrench themselves in the way that we suppose Western civilisation" now has?

T suspect this is what we do think: that we know 👤 so much, and can do so much, and have recorded our knowledge so indelibly, that even if we were defeated in battle by another power, our conquerors would simply inherit our capabilities, stand on our shoulders and carry on. Predecessor civilisations never lit, with their small candles, more than a corner of the engulfing darkness; the candles could be blown out, and were. But our electric lighting, we think, has floodlit so wide a space that the only question left is who occupies it. Nobody, we think, could turn off the lights. Nobody could forget how to generate

electricity. That may be true. I only remark that to a Chinese emperor, a Roman Caesar, or an Andean Sun King, the world must have looked like that too. What he could see. being all he could see, must have seemed very extensive.

The confidence of each, in turn, proved wrong. How likely is it that our own is right? How likely that we unlike the captain of that ship sunk off Turkey, loaded with ivory, jewellery and precious metals — can have the least idea of where the rocks ahead may lie?

Tony Blair says new Labour's task is to provide opportunities — and see that they are taken

oday we announce the re-sults of the Labour Party's ballot of all its members on the draft manifesto. It is both our covenant with the British people and our covenant with ourselves,

The document describes itself as unhesitatingly and uncompromisingly" new Labour. It affirms support for the radical changes within the party, and the belief that it is possible, by stripping away outdated ideology and applying traditional values in a modern way, to forge a new pro-

gramme for British politics. It goes into greater policy detail than any opposition party has done before, and makes it clear that we will stand for election as new Labour and govern as new Labour.

Contrary to the arrogant assertions of many on the Right, the rebirth of the political Centre and Centre-Left is not just about accommodating the thinking of the Right. It is, in part, a recognition that we have entered a new phase of political debate and development.

There has been a revolution in the world of work. There is far greater awareness of the global nature of the economy and the competitive challenge that this poses. There has been reaction against rampant individualism, the atomisation and division of society, the narrow self-interest that characterised the 1980s and helped to fracture our society. The quality of life people enjoy is not determined only by the wage-packet, but by whether their children can play safely in the park, whether they can walk in the streets at night, whether the environment is polluted and whether elderly relatives are

properly cared for.

The public is also more acute than the Conservative Party about the country's economic performance. A trade deficit with Europe despite a 20

Towards a decent, responsible society

per cent devaluation of the pound, the doubling of public debt so that we now spend more in interest payments than on defence and law and order. and our still low levels of productivity are fundamental problems as yet

unresolved. The world over, parties of the Centre-Left are articulating a new approach, and many see new Labour as leading the way. Economic policy is based on understanding and embracing the global economy, a commitment to financial stability. and advocacy of an economic role for government - not state control or corporatism, but the equipping and preparing of people and businesses for economic changes, by education and infrastructure.

I reject the claims of pessimists who say the next century will be the era of Asia. We have the potential to create a new age of achievement in Britain. The key is education. It will be my priority in government. We have lived for too long with a system good for the few but not for the majority. That is why we have made clear and detailed proposals for smaller classes in infants schools, the linking of every school to the infor-mation superhighway, more and better nursery education integrated with childcare, home-school contracts, broader A-levels, new standards for head teachers, reform of teacher training and funding for

University for Industry to help adults to learn new skills and so earn more. We are also reaching for a different way to define and implement the

notion of a modern civic society. This is where the so-called "morality" debate in British politics is located. Reading the papers of the past few weeks. I have been struck by how depressingly difficult it is to conduct such a debate in Britain. immediately, there is an attempt to say that politicians talking of these things are "jumping on the bandwagon" or trying to govern private morality. Yet in our draft manifesto, written months ago, we say: "We require a moral purpose and direction presently lacking. We reject not tolerance, but extreme libertarianism. We need principles of conduct and governance by which we can construct a modern civic society. The essence of it is rights and duties

going together." More extraordinary still was the briefing from the Conservative Party in Friday's Times. Given poll evidence that Labour is ahead on these questions, the Tories respond by saying We'll'drop them, then. It's the economy from now on." Two weeks ago, the fractured society was the key theme of the Queen's Speech; now it is dropped. And they accuse us of being cynical and driven by polls!

torian hypocrisy. We do not want to return to the old prejudices about sex, sexuality or the role of women. Neither do we believe that supporting the family means attacking lone parents, the vast bulk of whom have endured the pain of divorce or separation. The idea is to create a decent, well-ordered and stable society for today - a modern view of citizenship. And government

o decent society can exist with an underclass set apart from the mainstream. To rebuild comopportunity and to demand responsibility. Children should grow up with an expectation of quality in education, irrespective of wealth, yet 56 per cent of 11-year-olds are now below the required standard in English and Maths. Young people should not be left on the dole after leaving school, yet there are 600,000 under-Zs presently unemployed. One in five non-pensioner homes in Britain have no one working at all. Too many inner cities are derelict. Without hope, we will never teach responsibility.

There must be a comprehensive attack on crime and its causes. instead of a search for easy headlines. At every level, we have proposed

reform - juvenile offending, drugs knives and firearms, crime prevention, prison reform, dealing with anti-social neighbours. A month ago
I suggested that every government
department should review its polities department should review its plantes to see how they promote strong families. We know that the stronger the family, the better a child's life chances are. Employers have a responsibility too to see how they can help men and working lives better, by looking at the hours and ways they looking at the hours and ways they work. And we can develop partner-ships to rebuild civic bonds. David Blunkett recently set out details of a citizen's service for "millennium volunteers", young people devoting time

to work for others.

All the way through, we are seeking to balance opportunity with responsibility as the only basis for a modern welfare state, recognising that we have a collective duty to have those at the bottom of society, but insisting also that those offered help-have a duty to take it. We recognise that although we continue to spend large sums of public money — £300 billion this year — we are not asking radical questions about how to spend it to best advantage. We are trying to construct new rules, new principles to govern our relations with each other

that are right for today.

There have been three phases in 20th-century politics. In the first, people believed that progress would be achieved by bigger government. In the second, there was a reaction against this in the name of the individual. In the third, we seek to create a society which acknowledges mutual rights and duties, not to hold back the individual, but as a necessary part of individual fulfilment. I don't pretend we have all the answers, but at least we are asking

Has Blair this much flair?

The idea of a new social morality

Peter Riddell

says Labour has

more to prove

than America's

Democrats

ritish politicians are in danger of misinterpreting tomorrow's American elec-tions, Bill Clinton's imminent re-election is already being "" seen as a portent of a Labour victory next year. But the Blairites are wrong to believe that Clinton's strategy is sufficient for success here. Equally, the contrarian view of Tory strategists — that a Clinton win is good news for John Major rests too much on economic determinism to be convincing. My impression from nine days in America is that a Clinton victory would be more ambiguous and possibly more transitory than will be claimed on Wednesday.

Transatlantic comparisons are of-ten treacherous. In 1992, the Right drew comfort from Mr Major's victory in April, only to have their hopes dashed when George Bush was swept from office in November. The differences were greater than the similarities. Now, it is too easy to say that Clintonism equals Blairism. Of course there are close parallels - both in campaigning techniques, such as the single-minded refusal to be pushed "off message", and in the centrist strategy of abandoning past "liberal" or leftwing positions and making only limited promises. But the political context is not the same.

Mr Clinton is, after all, an incumbent, while Mr Blair is a challenger. One has to warn against change, while the other has to win support for it. Mr Clinton's expected re-election rests on the strength of the economy. a sense that America is on the right track, and on the mistakes of the Republicans. Helped by the shrewd monetary management of Alan Greenspan, Mr Clinton can claim credit for cutting the budget deficit.



The President has had the crucial advantage of creating fear about his opponents. The House Republicans under Newt Gingrich overreached themselves after their great victory of two years ago. Their revolutionary rhetoric and intransigence during the shutdowns of the federal government last winter enabled the Democrats to portray them as extremists threatening Medicare health programmes and social security pensions. Speaker Gingrich has become a bogey. These fears have been aggravated by Bob Dole's inability to present a coherent alternative to Clinton. Some of his remarks are baffling to anyone living outside Washington.

So a Clinton victory would be confirmation of the status quo. Brian Mawhinney and Danny Finkelstein. who heads the Conservative research department, drew some comfort on a recent visit to Washington. Rising living standards do in time affect

THODELL ON MONDAY

intentions, so the Tories should adopt their own version of the Democrats' 1992 refrain "It's the economy, stupid". The Tories also believe they have a sharper line of attack on their opponents - "New Labour, New Danger' - and more distinctive positive themes, such as the "opportunity for all" proposals for education and welfare, than Mr Dole has offered. The Republican experience offers warnings for the 'slash and burn" Right in Britain. Attempts to roll back government will not succeed if they provoke fears about popular programmes, in turn making voters sceptical about promises of big tax cuts across the board.

More sotto voce, the Tories say that sleaze does not seem to have damaged Mr Clinton. His success four

years ago in surviving such charges has created a protective shield. No one regards him as a saint, but the attacks over Whitewater have been seen as heavily partisan. However, more recent charges over dubious, and possibly illegal, foreign contributions to his campaign have made an impact in the last few days, narrowing Mr Clinton's poll lead and boosting Ross Perot. A re-elected President Clinton could face a series of very damaging investigations into his conduct in office.

The Tories' problem is that, unlike Americans, British voters do not yet give credit to the party in power for the economic recovery. And, after 17/2 years in office, the Conservatives are much more vulnerable than Mr Clinton to a "time for a change"

Mr Clinton has not relied solely on optimism about the economy. The campaign speeches that I heard him

deliver were just as much about what government can do to promote national renewal - through expanded training, high technology and strengthened families, through proposals on school discipline, and banning tobacco advertising for the young. He has successfully put forward a programme of family values and morality by making it specific and not threatening. He may have rejected big government, but he still believes in small-scale activism, the government as regulator and initiator. That is very like Mr Blair. But they both face tight fiscal constraints. Mr Clinton has accepted budgetary guidelines which would severely constrain his pledges to focus on education, technology and law enforcement. The only altegnative is the kind of large cutbacterin Medicare and other entitlement programmes that he and the congressio-Democrats have opposed throughout the campaign.

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onsequently. Mr Clinton's mandate will be greatly qualified - especially if, as looks increasingly likely, the Republicans narrowly retain control of one House of Congress or both. The elections will not resolve any of the arguments about the scale of government. The drive to redesign the welfare state has stalled, rather than stopped. The reaction against the Gingrich revolution has showed the limits of what is achievable in the short term. But necessary reductions in the costs of Medicare and social security have only been delayed. More striking are the many state and local initiatives all over America on welfare reform and promoting choice in schools, even in previous Democrat strongholds in big cities.

The elections are therefore likely to

have a double edged significance for Mr Blair. Bill Chinton's tactics work, but the strategy is essentially defensive and rhetorical - talking of building a bridge to the 21st certary but making only micro-provides Unlike the President, Mr Blair not only has to counter the Tories' asset of a strengthening economy, but has also to show how Labour would really make a difference - to establish the case for change. He has to take more risks than Mr Clinton.

Tory history

then into clear blue water. Now here comes the newest Tory theme which is expected to be carried through to the general election: Britain in the 1990s is like England at the end of the 17th century.

The theory, which will be cropping up in ministerial speeches from the middle of the month, is this; in the time of Queen Elizabeth I, England was a pioneering, buccancering nation from which Sir Francis Drake, Sir Walter Raleigh and others of their kidney set off round the world to trade, loot and generally bustle in a spirit of free enterprise.

Now we are enjoying another Elizabethan age, this time under Queen Elizabeth II. Inventors, businessmen and extravagant fashion designers are the new Drakes, Raleighs and Sidneys. The rhethoric, of course, has mildly

Euro-sceptic undertones. This idea is said to be the product of Foreign Office history buffs, who believe that if the Tories are to evoke earlier centuries. Elizabethan initiative is more attractive than Victorian morality. "Expect to hear a lot about this," says one think we might really strike a

 Italy and its European neighbours should take cover. The eponymous two fat ladies of the cookery programme, who have just finished their first series, have been encouraged by viewing figures and are considering taking their show



to the Continent on the route of the

Extra jog

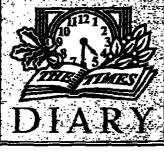
STAFF AT the Royal Geographical Society are putting clothes-pegs on their noses now that Sir Ranulph Fiennes has announced that he will be going on another Antarctic expedition. He has again agreed to donate his underwear to the society

on his return. A geographer recalls the last time: "When Ran gave us his smalls they were a bit grubby, but he had worn them for about four months. It took us many washes to get them spanking clean for display here along with the sledge and skis.

"Most recently we sent his underwear to Hull for an exhibition of clothing, though they could probably have walked there on their own," he says with nose wrinkled. We are looking forward to getting a more up-to-date pair."

Basta!

DAVID "Egghead" Willetts, the Prime Minister's favorite guru, has acquired a new nickname. His friends are calling him O.J., in reference to next week's forthcoming television "trial" over his con-



troversial memo concerning the MP Neil Hamilton.

The Paymaster General himself, however, seems unfazed by proceedings. He is still busy picking holes in Labour's anti-Tory slogans. With reference to the latest, Enough is enough", he says scathingly: "I think they mean Sufficient is sufficient"."

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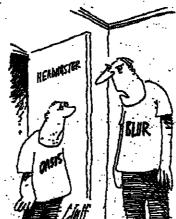
WITH WOOLLY hats and snowboots, apple-cheeked foresters have been trudging through conifer woods outside Oslo to select the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree presented annually by Norway to Britain as a token of friendship. The news fills Terry Wogan, the

chirpy Irish broadcaster, with dread. Last year he performed a uniform, Biglin'

live broadcast of the felling ceremony in driving sleet to raise money-for Children in Need. "I was in the hands of the British Embassy," he tells me, by way of explanation for his sufferings. "A senior consul was driving me to the tree-cutting ceremony where a large crowd and a choir were waiting. He got lost in the busy traffic of downtown Oslo - two hand carts and a wheel barrow. He didn't have a map or a phone and he hadn't a clue where

The diplomat finally delivered our hero to his destination a couple

e were going."



"[want a word about your

of hours into the broadcast. The choir bravely sang an encore and the tree was finally felled by frostbitten foresters as Wogan talked the audience through the ceremony. He is not repeating the exercise this year: "No. I'm taking my listeners to Hell — apparently it's also in Norway."

Table talk

WHILE Diana, Princess of Wales: was wowing Australia last week. the Prince of Wales discreetly hosted a most glittering event at St James's Palace on Thursday, for the tenth anniversary of SANE, the mental health charity of which he is

patron. Majorie Wallace, the chief executive, says: "We had four ambassadors including United Arab Emirates and Russia, four European crowned heads and a host of chairmen of international companies. As it was Halloween, I told everyone that the trick was that they had to pay £5,000 per table and the treat was that they would be able to listen to Lesley Garrett, the opera

● IIM CARREY, America's highest-paid film star, popped into London last week on Concorde with 11 friends to perform a recording of



Jim Carrey: amused :

Beatles songs. The highlight of the trip was not his £3.500-a-night suite in the Lanesborough Hotel, but a romantic dinner he witnessed at the next table at San Lorenzo, a favoured dining aunt of the rich and royal. Carrey that a retreat when smooth turned to argument and the lady empties a bottle of red wine over her compan-

ion's head

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EUROPE'S RASH PROMISES

Pensions are another reason to stay out of monetary union

Will British taxpayers end up paying for the pensions of the Germans, Italians and French? This was the provocative question raised last week by a report of the Commons Social Security Committee on the immense deficits of state pensions schemes in the future European monetary union. There are three separate questions involved in this complex issue. First, is the pensions problem really much more serious in continental countries than it is in Britain? Secondly, are continental countries likely to do something

to solve this problem in the next few years? Thirdly, will joining the single currency expose Britain to Europe's unsustainable pension costs? On the first question the answer is clear.

According to calculations published in May by the International Monetary Fund, in order to meet their present pensions promises, the German and French Governments would both have to increase their taxes by: 3.4 per cent of GDP (equivalent in British terms to £25 billion annually or 11 pence on the standard rate of tax). In Britain, by contrast, the gap is a negligible 0.1 per cent.

There are, however, numerous mechanisms by which governments can wriggle out of their promises on pensions. These are not legally-binding obligations comparable to repaying government bonds. State pensions can be reduced, indexation can be limited and retirement ages can be raised, as they have been in Britain. But is it likely such reforms will be implemented as decisively in Continental Europe as they have been since 1979 in Britain? There is no sign in Europe of a major change away from paternalist welfare thinking of the kind that occurred in Britain with the election of Margaret Thatcher, and still less of the tough leadership she displayed. And none of the continental countries, apart from Holland, has anything like the private-sector: pension funds built up in Britain in the postwar decades. Continental workers would thus suffer greater hardship than Britons if

their state pension schemes were whittled away. Furthermore, with low rates of inflation, it may not be sufficient to reduce the indexation of inture pensions. Pension payments may actually have to be cut over the years in cash terms. This is a reform from which even a leader of Baroness Thatcher's willpower might have flinched.

It does seem plausible, therefore, that continental governments will meet pension promises by raising taxes and engaging in more government borrowing. How, then, would Britain be affected? Higher government borrowing would tend to push up interest rates by increasing investors' fears of inflation. These fears would partly offset the supposed anti-inflationary credibility of the new single currency, and thus the hopes that Britain would have lower interest rates in EMU than outside.

An even more direct threat would arise from the pressure in Europe to pay for pensions through higher taxes. High-tax countries could step up demands for tax "harmonisation" across Europe. They might accuse Britain of "social dumping" if it undercut them with low rates of tax.

The key question is whether Britain would be more vulnerable to such pressure if it joined the single currency. The answer must be yes. By joining EMU, Britain would be forced to accept the German-inspired fiscal "stability pact". This would, for the first time, give Brussels direct power over national fiscal policy, backed up by huge fines. Although the present stability pact covers only fiscal deficits, it concedes the principle that fiscal policy in general is a matter of common concern". Just as the loss of national control over money is leading through the stability pact to the loss of control over fiscal policy, so the stability pact will lead inexorably to meddling by Brussels in national policy on tax. From there it will indeed be a short step to Britons paying higher taxes because of the extravagant

promises made in Europe on pensions.

THE HEBRON BARGAIN

Arafat and Netanyahu cannot afford to play for time

The Middle East has not lacked visitors this exploiting international sympathy and weekend. On Friday, Yassir Arafat feturned from a European tour to talk with Russian Foreign Minister, Yevgeni Primakov, New son Mandela has embarked upon his first tour of the region. Malcolm Rifkind held meetings with both Binyamin Netanyahu and Mr Arafat yesterday and stressed that Britain regarded all West Bank settlements as illegal. Thankfully, the British tokeign Secretary avoided the shameless posturing that Jacques Chirac raised to new heights.

The tourists have arrived at a critical time. The intensive efforts of the United States. which started with the Washington summit at the beginning of this month and continued for three weeks under the State Department mediator Dennis Ross, remain unrewarded. Israel and the Palestinian National Authority have still failed to produce terms by which the majority of Hebron will be transferred from Israeli control as initially agreed under the Oslo accords. In the absence of any agreement, tension in the territory itself grows eversharper. The death last week of Hilmi Shousha, an 11-year-old boy allegedly killed by the security chief of a Jewish settlement, came close to triggering a renewal of the violence that led to more than 100 deaths barely seven weeks ago.

Both sides have traded accusations over this impasse. Mr Arafat entered negotiations insisting that he would not change "a letter or even a comma" of the agreements signed with the previous Labour Government. He has blamed Mr Netanyahu's resistence on new security arrangements for the failure to confirm matters. The Prime Minister has blamed the Palestinians for delaying the dialogue, accusing Mr Arafat of

awaiting the end of the American election season that might allow President Clinton to take a harder line with the Likud leadership. None of this will do either man any good. her all their hot language, Mr Arafat can Palestiman state without the co-operation of the Israeli Prime Minister, just as Mr Netanyahu needs the Palestinian leader to prevent the arrival of anarchy on his eastern frontier. While the short-term temptation for the two camps is to prevaricate, maximising tactical advantage and manocuvring for public relations premium, they run the risk that events in Hebron itself will run away

from them. That city still has more than 400 heavily armed, and not easily appeased. Jewish settlers surrounded by over 100.000 aggraeved Palestinians whose loyalty to Mr Arafat is being seriously strained by the activities of Hamas.

From all accounts, the essence of a final settlement is in place. Mr Netanyahu has won the right to station troops on the hills overlooking the enclave in Hebron in return for dropping his previous demand that the Israeli Army would have the power of "hot pursuit" through the city as a whole. That is a reasonable compromise. The agreement has been held back by disputes over planning and transport authority in the portion of the city that will remain under Israel's command. Failure to complete the bargain is more political than procedural. While the respective parties posture, there is a real danger that the force of events in the

streets of Hebron will rise up and consume them all. Playing for time assumes that time exists. Recent experience would suggest that there is no such luxury.

POETRY OF REMEMBRANCE

Words for a week in which we all remember war

Warfare arouses the most primitive and extreme emotions. Man has always struggled to articulate and synthesise these convulsive waves of feeling, and wars have therefore occasioned more enduring litstrature, especially poetry, than almost any Other human activity. Down the centuries poetry has been used to rally, inspire, warn and comfort nations racked by the horrors of war. From Homer to Wilfred Owen and on to the ugliness and atrocities of the war in Bosnia, poets have grappled with the

extremes of pride, anguish and disgust. A masterful new Faber anthology of war poetry, compiled by Kenneth Baker, brings together not only the stately and inspirational verse composed by established poets but the huge range of writing in which ordinary men, and occasionally women, recall their lives, comrades and emotions in the face of danger and sudden death. The Conservative MP and former Home Secretary gleans from multifarious sources the memorable, the mediocre, the comic, tragic

Over the coming week The Times will publish a selection of these poems to mark Armistics Day. We have been closely associated with many of the conflicts that gave rise to this poetry: it was our correspondent William Russell who told the world the horrors of the Crimean War; and October 22.

Flanders, the deserts of North Africa, the appalling sites of liberated Nazi charnel houses and, in the past four years, the no less terrible suffering in the killing fields of Rwanda and Bosnia have brought to our readers something of the cataclysm from which war poetry is born. It was in The Times that Laurence Binyon first published "For the Fallen", the lines now indelibly associated with Remembrance Day. And we are vigorously supporting the movement to restore the Silence as a true, nationwide commemoration on November 11 not only of those who fell for Britain in two world wars, but all the 108 million people estimated to have been killed this century in war:

Mr Baker's anthology reminds us that in earlier times war was seen more heroically. It evoked high-minded patriotism, nobility and selflessness, qualities that are powerfully present in most of Shakespeare's use of war to define the history and kings of England. For all our revulsion at the brute killing we know to be the essence of combat. who cannot but be inspired by the Iliad, the Aeneid or Henry V's appeal to his soldiers on St Crispin's Day? The very mingling of such conflicting emotions in conflict is what gives war poetry its resonance and its enduring ability to shape our views of ourselves, our ancestors and nation. The Times will be remembering our debt and our

heritage in the poems of the coming week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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NHS trusts need more than money

From Dr Peter Lewis

Sir, Dr Ben Timmis and his London

money should come from — from the

Government in the form of additional

funding, or from within the NHS by

way of reallocation — is equally press-

Earlier this year the Anti-Rationing

Group — a group of senior health pro-fessionals who believe the NHS to be

sufficiently funded, so long as prices

are controlled - conducted a survey of

the purchasing data of eight of the na-

tion's then 120 health service purchas-

ing commissions.

Of the seven which provided data,

two did not know what they spent on

emergency care; among the remain-

ing five the proportion of the hospital

and community care budget spent on

emergency care ranged between 22

and 42 per cent. Such variation is

beyond the margin of rational ex-

the low-spending commissions, are

more likely to be the consequence of

spending decisions elsewhere than the

outcome of a deliberate policy regard-

ing emergency care. There is therefore

a strong likelihood that a significant

amount of emergency-care under-funding is the consequence of less

than satisfactory purchasing practice.

selves in this difficult situation should

first find out whether these circum-

stances apply in their local situation, and then satisfy themselves that there

is a local policy which can be rigorous-

ly justified. Purchasing commissions

should also satisfy themselves that

trusts have already taken all available

This view is not presented as a criti-

cism of NHS reforms, without which

it would have been impossible for us

to carry out our analysis. Present ar-

rangements for purchasing may not

Sir. Your issue of October 28 brings

good news of a campaign to save neglected war memorials and, in

separate reports, of two other admirable restoration projects at Castle Howard and at Gatton Park; and

your leading article, "Cradle to grave"

urges the educationally valuable in-

volvement of local schools and groups

in caring for neglected memorials.

What standards will apply to the pro-

The National Inventory of War Memorials, the Public Monuments

and Sculpture Association and a num-

ber of other groups have inde-pendently devised conservation guide-

lines. However a single, recognised

body is needed to impose conservation

standards and to harness the admir-

able enthusiasm of volunteer groups

to nationally recognised conservation

Inappropriate treatments will spoil

work of outdoor art or craft as ef-

fectively as and sooner than years of

(Chief Executive, Public Monuments

and Sculpture Association).

Lissenden Gardens, NW5.

72 Lissenden Mansions,

means to contain their costs.

War memorials

From Ms Jo Darke

cesses used?

rocedures.

Yours truly.

JO DARKE

October 29.

Perhaps NHS trusts finding them-

These allocations, particularly in

planation.

Stepping across a moral 'wasteland'

From Ms Leslie Morphy

Sir. We at the Prince's Trust have followed the debate triggered by Frances Lawrence (letters, October 23, 25, 29, 31; November 1, 2) with immense interest. We are attempting to build some stepping stones across what can be a wasteland of unemployment, low expectations and motivation for many young people. Your leading article of October 26 eloquently recognised some of this work.

We believe that through our programmes young people can develop skills and personal qualities and become more self-sufficient while learning to work with others. But reaching the most disadvantaged is extremely

It requires co-operation between agencies and the provision of creative opportunities which are attractive to young people and their sponsors. It also requires much longer-term support than is often available through train-

ing schemes or community projects.

Many of the most vulnerable young people have little access to long-term support, financial or human. They need a critical friend or adviser; someone who can help them exploit and develop their talents over months and years rather than weeks.

We have developed such support in our training courses and in helping young people to set up small business es and our evidence suggests that it is

part of the solution to disadvantage.
In the context of a wider debate about active citizenship it may also provide some useful markers to directing the talents and goodwill of the majority towards those most at risk.

Yours sincerely, L. A. MORPHY (Policy Director), The Prince's Trust, 18 Park Square East, NW1. November 2.

From the Chaplain of St Peter's College, Oxford

Sir, May I, as a bystander belonging to a sister church, take issue with Lady Sidmouth's criticism (letter, October 31) of the Catholic bishops and what I believe to be her misuse of the saying about God and Caesar.

There are of course fields of expertise belonging to different professions and specialities, and bishops who comment on economic issues deserve to be criticised if they show ignorance or misunderstanding of economic theory and its application.

However, the notion that there are spheres of activity not subject to theological evaluation has in the past had disastrous consequences when the Church has been faced with social questions requiring analysis and guidance. In any case the principle is not applied consistently.

Why should it be thought that the Creator God is any less concerned about human dignity and the treat-ment of the weak in the field of econo-mic than obstetric processes? Lady Sidmouth accepts that the bishops are qualified to give advice on the morality of abortion, although they are not

gynaecologists. Jesus's retort to those who tried to entrap him into giving partial political advice is designed to make us confront our proper responsibilities to Caesar and to remind us that everything in this world is God's, and therefore potentially a matter for theological reflection, moral decision and conscien-

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER JONES, Chaplain and St Augustine Fellow, St Peter's College, Oxford.

From Mr L L Blake

Sir, Mrs Whitham is right to say (letter, November I), about the so-called "statement of shared values" (report, October 29), that she trusts no one seriously expects children to learn such stuff by heart. "Where's the force of expression to move the readers?", she

The one formulation which can easily be learnt by heart comprises the three moral precepts of Justinian (Institutes, 1.1.3): to live honestly, hurt nobody, and to render to everyone his

That last one might prove difficult, but it might give them food for thought.

Yours faithfully, L L BLAKE, 271 Lonsdale Road, SWI. November 1.

Musical composition

From Professor J. D. M. H. Laver, FBA, FRŠE

Sir, Professor Alexander Goehr and colleagues (letter, October 22) take the Humanities Research Board of the British Academy to task for not accepting musical composition as coming within the scope of the board's schemes for postgraduate studentships at MA and PhD level. They also suggest that the board failed to consult practitioners in the field in reaching this decision.

In fact, the board asked the National Association of Music Staff in Higher Education (Namshe) to consult its member institutions on this specific matter, and Namshe received replies from 31 of these.

The board considered Namshe's comments very carefully. It fully ac-

er and provider functions is the most colleagues (letter, October 25) rightly important and far-reaching developdraw attention to the urgency of the ment in the NHS since its inception. It need of NHS trust hospitals for more must be preserved if the NHS is not to money. The question of where this be superseded by private medicine.

have achieved their purpose; but the

principle of the separation of purchas-

Yours sincerely, PETER LEWIS (Spokesman, The Anti-Rationing Group), c/o Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Wales College of Medicine. Heath Park, Cardiff.

From the Chief Executive of Manchester Health Authority

October 25.

Sir, May I point out to my health service colleagues in London that the easy answer to operational difficulties is always more money. The harder solution is to critically review how existing resources are used and whether professional staff can deliver more effective and efficient services by

working differently.

Manchester, which has arguably the worst health overall in England (some ten years behind that of the rest of the country), received no additional resources to develop new health services in the current financial year, and funds are, of course, as urgently needed here as elsewhere.

However, considerable innovative and positive changes have been made by the city's health services in order to meet the year-on-year demand for healthcare. This has been done primarily by reviewing and changing the way services are provided. One of the results is that additional money has been made available for emergency services.

Yours sincerely, NEIL GOODWIN, Chief Executive. Manchester Health Authority, Gateway House, Piccadilly South, Manchester. October 28.

From the Director-General of the Imperial War Museum

Sir, We entirely endorse the concerns expressed in your leader of October 28 about the condition of war memorials and the importance of preserving this aspect of our heritage for future generations. We believe, however, that the key to successful preservation lies in the accumulation of accurate records of all memorials in the British Isles.

To this end, a national research project was initiated in 1989 by the Imperial War Museum and the Royal Com-mission on the Historic Monuments of England. A new archive has been created with information, including details of their condition, on over 25,000 war memorials. This has been possible with the help of volunteers

and parish councils. We hope to complete the transfer of information to database and increase public accessibility within a year, although many inquiries are already being dealt with. In response to these, we are about to publish a booklet. The Conservation of War Memorials: Guidance Notes, which will assist in the devising of a proper conservation strategy by providing expert contacts.

Yours sincerely, ROBERT CRAWFORD. Director-General, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, SEI. October 29.

From Dr I. D. Heath

National Service in BAOR.

Sir, The obituary of Bill Hooper (Octo-

ber 28) reminded me of an anecdote

which I heard in 1956 while on

The CO of the local British military

hospital had a framed Pilot Officer

Prune cartoon in his office. It was

noticed by one of the German civilian

clerical staff who, on being informed

of its nature, replied: "Ach so! Graf

"Graf Bobbi", so I was told, had

returned very late from a bombing

raid with virtually empty tanks and a

full bomb load. When asked why, he

said he had been delayed by engine

trouble and that when he had reached

the target the All Clear had

Prune recalled Millennium Wheel

From Mr David Marks

Sir, It is a common misconception that the Eiffel Tower was originally intended to be temporary (letter, October 28).

By a contract dated January 8, 1887, between the French State, the City of Paris and Gustav Eiffel, the tower was to operate for a 20-year period after the closure of the Universal Exhi-

bition of 1889. The British Airways Millennium Wheel, like the Great Exhibition's Crystal Palace, is designed to be easily dismantled, unlike the Eiffel Tower, which is not - its 10,100-ton construction being connected by 2.5 million

Yours faithfully. DAVID MARKS (Managing Director), The Millennium Wheel Company Ltd. 50 Bromells Road, SW4. October 29.

the board is concerned.

The board does not (as is suggested)

see itself as at odds with the higher

education funding councils, which

have included composition as an ap-

proved measure of output in their cur-

rent research assessment exercise. It is

for the board to determine the boun-

daries of its funding responsibilities.

and it has sought to develop a defini-

Letters for publication should carry

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regret that we cannot accept

letters by telephone but they

manding area of endeavour which retion of research which reflects a prinquires great intellectual rigour to be cipled view of the nature of research successful; but it makes a distinction and is consistent across all subjects between composition and research. It within its domain. is with musicological research that

Copley Gate, Copley Lane,

Halifax, West Yorkshire.

sounded".

Yours sincerely.

I. D. HEATH,

November 1.

It has made clear its view that musical composition should be eligible for public funding, and it would willingly discuss with other bodies how to achieve this. The funds at the board's disposal amount to a mere £415 per annum for the support of the research of each of the 8,000 research-active academic staff in the humanities in British universities. In this respect the humanities are in effect excluded from the dual-support system enjoyed by every other subject sector.

Sport letters, page 38 Yours faithfully, JOHN LAVER (Chairman. Humanities Research Board), The British Academy, 20-21 Cornwall Terrace, NW1.

Historic dating of oldest shipwreck

From Dr Sturt W. Manning

Sir, Your leading article of October 28, The first shipwreck, refers to the amazing finds from the Uluburun shipwreck in the eastern Mediterranean, and the precise dating of this wreck from a piece of firewood found on board.

The preciseness of the dating is indeed amazing. The last preserved ring on this firewood, the bark, belongs specifically to 1316 BC, and there can therefore be no doubt that the ship sailed and sank in that year or shortly

afterwards. The Uluburun wreck provides a unique snapshot of life and material culture in the eastern Mediterranean in the last two decades of the 14th century BC. None of the usual vagaries

and approximations is called for. The 1,503-year absolute tree-ring chronology used to establish this dating clearly marks the beginning of the end of pre-history in the eastern Mediterranean as having occurred more than 4,000 years ago.

Yours sincerely, STURT MANNING, University of Reading. Department of Archaeology, PO Box 218. Whiteknights. Reading, Berkshire. October 28.

From Mr Clive Thomas

Sir. Your reports today highlight some of the luxury items which have survived from about 1316 BC. They in-cluded elephant tusk, tortoise shells, ostrich eggs and firewood.

John Masefield must have been pre-

scient when he wrote of the quinquereme of Nineveh: "With a cargo of ivory / And apes and peacocks / Sandalwood, cedar wood and sweet white

Yours faithfully, CLIVE St.J. THOMAS, Hillside House, Wrotham, Kent.

Fishing policy

From the Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Sir, I am surprised that Emma Bonino, the European Fisheries Commissioner (letter, October 28), should accuse the UK Government of past inertia on the decommissioning of fishing vessels [see also letter, November 1].

For the period between 1993 and 1997 we have committed a total of £53 million. So far this has resulted in 430 vessels being scrapped. A further 167 have been selected under the 1996

Moreover, losing these boats has a real impact on local fishing communities. For example, this year alone, North Shields and Newlyn will lose seven and four fishing vessels, respec-

Everyone recognises that action needs to be taken to tackle the problems of overfishing and the UK fishermen have been playing their part. But the European Commission cannot be surprised if the UK fishermen are so frustrated when the Fisheries Commissioner describes all the recent reductions in their fishing fleet as 'inertia".

Yours faithfully, TONY BALDRY, Minister of State. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Whitehall Place, SWI. October 28.

From Mr John Ashworth

Sir, The letter from Emma Bonino was accurate in at least one respect: it referred to "the current European fleet". The total integration of the member states' fishing fleets into one EU fleet has meant the sacrifice of the British fleet to make way for newcomers with large fleets but few fish.

While this integration is taking place, there will be no conservation. This is because those who conserve will reap no benefit; they are the next ones to be thrown out of an industry most British fishermen have been in for generations.

Yours faithfully. JOHN ASHWORTH, Save Britain's Fish. Kirby Mills Industrial Estate. Kirkbymoorside, York. October 29.

Is Sid at home?

From Dr John Laws

Sir, I have received by post an invitation from British Telecom to "update my Friends and Family calling circle". To help me do this they enclosed a list of five numbers "based on a recent phone bill".

Four I recognised as those of family or friends, but the fifth had me stumped. It was certainly not in my personal telephone/address book.

intrigued, I phoned the number, to be greeted by a recorded voice. "This is British Gas. We are sorry we cannot take your call at the moment. If you have a query about your account please press button 1. If you . . . etc." Until then I had never really considered British Gas as friend or

Yours faithfully, JOHN LAWS, 5 Frank Dixon Way, Dulwich, SE21. November 2.

family.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Guido Reni, painter. Bologna, 1575: King William

III, reigned with Queen Mary

II 1689-94 and after her death

until 1702, The Hague, 1650;

Augustus Toplady, clergyman and hymn writer, Farnham.

Surrey, 1740; James Mont-

gomery, poet, Irvine, Strath-clyde, 1771; Sir Frank Benson,

actor-manager, Tunbridge Wells, 1858; Eden Philipotts.

novelist, Mount Abu, Raja-

sthan, India, 1862; G.E. Moore, philosopher, London.

DEATHS: Erasmus Bartho-

lin, physicist. Copenhagen, 1698; John Benbow, admiral.

died of his wounds, Port

Royal, Jamaica, 1702; Charles

Churchill, poet, Boulogne, 1764; Felix Mendelssohn, com-

poser, Leipzig, 1847; Paul De-laroche, painter, Paris, 1859; George Peabody, American philanthropist, London, 1869;

Wilfred Owen, poet, killed in action, France, 1918; Gabriel

Faure, composer, Paris, 1924;

Manuel Azána y Diaz, Presi-

dent of Spain 1936-39. Mont-

The Gunpowder Plot was

Nelson's Column was com-

pleted in Trafalgar Square,

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organisation (Unesco) was

Memorial service

auban, France, 1940.

discovered, 1605.

established, 1946.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 2: The Prince Edward Trustee, this morning attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award London Regional Conference for Award Leaders at the Barbican

London WC2. KENSINGTON PALACE

November 2: The Duke of Glouces John, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, visited the St John Eye Hospital, Baragwanath, Johannesburg, and attended a luncheon at the Priory for St John, Westcliff

Later Their Royal Highnesses visited the Transvaal St John Headquarters. Braamfontem. Johannesburg and subsequently

Johannesourg and succeptently departed for Durban. In the evening The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attended a reception at the Durban Club. Esplanade, Durban

KENSINGTON PALACE November 3: The Duke of Glouces ter. Grand Prior, the Order of St John, accompanied by The Duch-ess of Gloucester, this morning attended a Service at St James Church, Morningside, Durban. Afterwards Their Royal High-nesses visited a SANTA Clinic (South African National Tuber-culosis Association). Botha's Hill near Pietermaritzburg. Later The Duke and Duchess of

Gloucester attended a luncheon at Pietermaritzburg Country Cluh and subsequently visited the Pietermaritzburg St John Their Royal Highnesses attended a Dinner at the Royal Hotel

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE November 3: The Duke of Kent. Trustee, the Science Museum, today took part in the Centenary London to Brighton Veteran Car Run, commencing at Hyde Park. London W2

Royal engagements

The Princess Royal will open a new faculty of arts building at Basingstoke College of Technol-ogy. Worting Road, at 12.10; will open a YMCA residential centre at Eastrop Way, Basingstoke, at 2.10: and will visit the Mary Rose, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, at 3.20. Later, as President of the Royal Naval Museum, will visit the museum at 7.30 and attend a reception and dinner on board

HMS Victory. Princess Margaret will open the Omega Factory, the first development on the new Capitol Park Industrial Estate. Thorne, Doncaster, at 11-10.

Birthdays today

ham. 59: Dr Jean Balfour, former chairman, Countryside Commission for Scotland, 69: Mr Walter Cronkite. American broadcaster, 80: Lieutenant-General Sir Hugh Cunningham, 75: the Earl of Denbigh and Desmond, 26: Lady Dugdale, a Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen, 73; Mr Russell Evans, company chairman. 74: Professor A.J. Forty, former Principal, Stirling University, 68: Mr R.A. Henderson, former chairman. Kleinwort Benson Group, 79: Viscount Hereford, 64: Mr Elgar Howarth, musician, 61; Professor Jeffrey Jowell, professor of public law, 58; Air Commodore Philippa Mar-shall, former director, WRAF, 76: Mr Michael Meacher, MP. 57; Professor Joseph Rotblat. physicist, 88; Air Commandant Dame Anne Stephens, former director, WRAF, 84.

Service dinner

Avrshire Yeomanry Association Major R.Y. Henderson, Lord Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran and Honorary Colonel of the Ayrshire Squadron of the Scottish reomanry, presided at the annual regimental dinner of the Avrshire Yeomanny Association of Officers, erving and retired, of the Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry held on Saturday at Yeomanry House, Ayr. Colonel Sir Bryce Knox was the principal guest.

Dinner

sociation of Managers in General Practice

Mrs Jackie Maun, Chairman of the Association of Managers in General Practice (AMGP) with officers and members held their annual dinner on Saturday at the Moat House Hotel, Glasgow, and welcomed the new president, Dr Keith Bolden, Deputy Director of the Institute of General Practice at Exeter University. Dr Colin Hunter delivered the third Sally lrvine lecture.

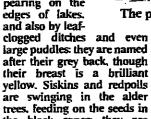
King's College, Madrid

The Council is pleased to announce that Mr Christopher Gill Leech. MA (Cantab), has been appointed Headmaster from lanuary 1, 1997 in succession to Dr Gerald Percy who is leaving to take up an appointment with the European Council of International Schools. King's College. founded in 1969, is an overseas member

Nature notes

Pochards from the Continent are arriving on lakes and gravel pits throughout Britain. They are small, lively ducks, with dark red heads and soft grey backs; they dive

by taking a leap forward, and feed underwater on the seeds of submerged vegetation. Grey wagtails are appearing on the edges of lakes.



finches, who are equally acro batic when occasion demands. Many trees are almost bare. Large yellow spade-shaped leaves are strewn under the black Italian

poplars. Most oak trees are still quite green, but the leaves are slowly wither-ing. On ash trees, the leaves

often fall while The pochard they are still pale green. The white flowers of feverfew can be

found by walls and garden gates: it derived its name from "febrifuge", a herb that makes fevers fly away. A few queen wasps are still about, feeding on nectar from late blossoms. the black cones: they are but they will soon hide away sometimes joined by goldand hibernate.



Heb Leman, left, of the Environment Agency, and Stuart Taylor narrowing a stretch of the Test in Hampshire

Rivers narrowed to halt salmon decline

BY NICK NUITALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SOME of the country's most famous rivers and streams are being narrowed to save salmon from extinction. Fisheries experts have launched a scheme to cut the width of noted salmon rivers and their tributaries in southern England in response to falling catches and a succession of dry years.

The scheme, which is being organised

by the Environment Agency, increases the flow of the water at critical points as well as the levels in famous angling waterways such as the Test, the Avon and the Itchen. It is hoped that this will improve the prospects for the rivers' declining wild salmon populations as they return from feeding grounds in Iceland to breed.

Stuart Taylor, fisheries officer for the agency in Winchester, said that one of the many difficulties facing Britain's salmon is the silting of the gravels in

By ANGUS NICOL

THE Glenfiddich Piping

Championship is intended to

pal competitions - the Gold

Medals at Oban and Inver-

ness, the Bratach Gorm in

London, and the senior com-

netitions — and "to bring

together the ten best players in

the world in the two most

testing events", piobaireachd

and the march, Strathspey

and reel. This it certainly does,

and is always the occasion for

a veritable cuirm chiùil, a

feast of music from the great

This, the twenty-third

Glenfiddich Championship,

held at Blair Castle as always,

was such an occasion, though

perhaps not a vintage year, if

When presenting the prizes,

Mr Sandy Grant Gordon, of

William Grant & Sons. ex-

pressed his gratitude and that

of all participating pipers to

the 10th Duke of Atholl, who

died earlier this year, for the

great interest that he took in

one is being particular.

Highland bagpipe.

which they lay their eggs. Over many years cattle have broken down riverbanks, causing the gravels to become coated in as much as 18in of mud. At the same time the natural scouring power of the rivers has been badly affected as the waterways, many of which are fed by underground chalk springs, have dwindled in response to the falling rainfall of

the past few years.

Mr Taylor said that without action to increase the flows by the narrowing schemes, salmon could soon be extinct in these rivers: "We are taking up the challenge a bit late. We have tried other methods, like stocking, and they have had some success. But we need to add to this if the salmon is to survive."

Fish raised for stocking are cossetted and their survival can be less than spectacular as they fall prey to the rigours of the wild. Dr Nick Giles, a freshwater fishery expert at the Game Conservancy Council at Verwood, Dorset, said: "It is difficult to produce good

Glenfiddich Piping Championship

World's finest deliver a veritable feast

the piping and for allowing

the event to be held in the

castle. He also expressed

appreciation for the energy

MacNeill, who also died this

year, had put into the event

The ten pipers invited this

year were all main prize

winners during the last year.

Each had to submit six

piobaireachd and six each of

marches, Strathspeys and

reels, and was asked to play

one of each. All the tunes

chosen to be played by the

judges were formidable ones,

requiring, as John Burgess,

the Fear an Tighe, said, great

The first prize for plobair-

eachd, together with the High-

land Society of London's

Trophy, was won by Roderick

MacLeod. recently appointed

director of piping at the new

Piping Centre at MacPhater

Street, Glasgow. He played

The Old Men of the Shells, a

tune of unknown origin,

which might be connected

with distilling, since the shell

skill and learning.

since its inception.

was used as a drinking vessel,

or might refer to a battle at

The second prize for plobair-

Alasdair Gillies for The Lament for Ronald MacDon-

ald of Morar. In third place

senting the United States. He

played The Park Plobair-

eachd No. 2, commemorating

the Battle of Park in the 14th

William MacCallum, a for-

mer championship winner,

took fourth prize for ceol mor,

with Donald Gruamach's

March, and Pipe-Major Brian

Donaldson took fifth prize

with The Bells of Perth. Hon-

ourable mention is also due to

the other players: Angus

MacColl (The Lament for

Patrick Og MacCrimmon)

who also took fourth prize for

ceól beag: Dr Angus Mac-

Donald (The Lament for the

Laird of Anapool): Sergeant

Wilson Brown (Rory Mac-

Loude's Lament), and Jack Lee

(The Unjust Incarceration). William Livingstone

came Michael Cusack, repre-

Sligeachan in Skye.

thriving salmon on hatchery stock. Staying alive as a young salmon is an extremely demanding business. You are better equipped if you originate from a pair of wild salmon. Mr Taylor added: "This is why we

The narrowing has so far been carried out at 15 sites. Fencing and the planting of reed beds is also being undertaken to stop cattle breaking through and collapsing banks. The gravels are being sprayed clean with water jets.

It is hoped that the project will be extended to other sites and other rivers especially those fed by underground chalk springs. Studies on the Brandy stream at Winchester, which has been narrowed, show a big improvement in the number of parr — juvenile salmon produced from eggs. Mr Taylor said: Before the enhancement, the development of eggs into parr was 0.75 per cent. This has now risen to 28 per cent."

unfortunately unable to come

first prize for ceol beag, and

Angus MacDonald took sec-ond prize, and Roderick

The overall champion was

Pipe-Major Gillies, who also

won the championship in 1991.

Medal is awarded to someone

who has made an outstanding

contribution to piping. This

year's recipient was Duncan

Johnstone. As he could not be

present in person, his "most

outstanding pupil, Roderick

MacLeod, received the medal

Piobairenchd: 1: Roderick MacLeod: 2: P/M Alasdair Gillies: 3: Michael Cusack 4: William MacCallum; 5: P/M Brian Donaldern

Marck, Strackspey and Reel: 1; P/M Alassialr Gillies: 2: Dr Angus MacDonald; 3: Roderick MacLeod; 4: Angus MacColi; 5: Michael Cusuck

March, Stratispey and Reck Ronald Lawrie, P/M Angus MacDonald, Tom Speirs.

on his behalf.

Full results

Each year the Balvenie

MacLeod took third prize.

Pipe-Major Gillies also won

from Canada to compete.

Dr Alexander Ogston need to enhance the fortunes for the salmon who are already in the wild".

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Alexander George (Sandy) Ogston, FRS, biochemist, was held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. Canon Trevor Williams, Chaplain Fellow of Trinity College, officiated, The Rey Dr Douelas Duoree. Chaplain Dr Douglas Dupree, Chaplain Fellow of Balliol College read the lesson and Or Baruch Blu Honorary Fellow of Balliol College, gave an address.

The Rev Dr Eric Heaton A Memorial Service for the Rev Dr Eric Heaton, Dean of Christ Church 1979-91, Honorary Student 1991-96, will be held in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday, November 9, 1996, at 3.00pm.

Luigi Bandini

A Memorial Service will be held for Luigi Bandini, at St George's, Hanover Square, London, WI, on Friday, November 8, 1996 at Ham.

Mr Denis Cheatle

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Denis Cheatle will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, London, EC4. at moon on November 6, 1996.

Michael Kalisher, QC

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Michael Kalisher, QC, at the Temple Church, on Wednesday, November 27, 1996, at 5pm.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army Brigadier: M L Wildman to be Defence
Adviser Pretoria. 1.11.96.
Colonel: R G Owen to be Comd HQ 4
Dtv. 1.11.96: R B Peregrine to be HQ
Reme TA. 1.11.96: M B Cooper to be
Defence Adviser Malaysia. 28.10.96: S
G Adlington to MOD, 5.11.96; B G J
Hutchins to MOD, 4.11.96: D H B
Stephenson to Datos GS HQ Land.

Retirements Colonel: J G H Robertson late RE. 31.10.96; M J H Vickery OBE late KRH. 31.10.96; E Mifsud late RAMC, 31.10.96.

Royal Air Force Air Commodore: H G Mackey — CMDT CFS, 28. 10.96. Group Captain: B G Benstead — RAF North Lutienham, 4,11.96.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

related ephemera.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.G. Mager and Froken B. Kjølhede The engagement is announced between Nicholas George, eldest son of Mr Derek Mager and the late Mrs Derek Mager, of Hoxne, Suffolk, and Birgine elder daughter of Hr and Fru Erling Kjølhede, of Hellerup, Denmark. Major M.A.C. Linaker

and Miss T.V. Denisova The engagement is announced between Major Martin Linaker. The King's Own Sconish Borderers, younger son of Major and Mrs David Linaker, of Mrs David Linaker, or Mrs Linaker, Helensburgh, and Taryana only daughter of Mr Valera Denisova and Mrs Tarvana Denisova, of Voronezh, Russia.

Marriages Mr D.B.D. Christon

and Miss H.V. Kitson
The marriage took place on
Saturday at the Church of St Mary and St Alkelda, Middleham, North Yorkshire, of Mr David Christopherson, son of the late Stanley Christopherson and of Mrs Christopherson, of London, SWI, to Miss Hannah Kitson. younger daughter of Sir Timothy and Lady Kitson, of Middleham. The Rev David Eyles, Father Edward Corbould, OSB, and Mgr Seamus Kilbane officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Toby and Victoria Bigge, George and Rupert Grace. Rupert Lambert, Indigo Mountain and Pear Transport, Mr Alderson. and Rosa Tennant. Mr Algernon

Bernett was best man.
A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoun will be spent abroad.

Mr J.C. Christopher and Miss D.M. Southwell And Miss D.W. Suntinvest
The marriage took place on a
November 2, at the Church of
All Hallows, London, NW3,
between James, son of Dr Lloyd
and Mrs Mairin Christopher, and Dina, daughter of Mr John and Mrs Carol Southwell.

Mr A.Q. Dickens and Dr N. Mascarenhas The marriage took place on Sunday, November 3, at the Church of St Jacinto, St Jacinto Island, Goa, India, of Mr Adrian Quentin Dickens, third son of Captain D.A.G. Dickens and Mrs Dickens, of South Petherton Somerset, and Dr Nisha Mascarenhas, third daughter of Mr Alarico Mascarenhas and Mrs Mascarenhas, of Vasco da Gama. Gos. Father Cromancio officated. The bride was given in marriage

by her father and Mr Simon Dickens was best man. A reception was held at Cota Mansion, Agacaim. The couple will reside in Melbourne. Australia.

University news Oxford

The Winter Williams Law Prizes

First prize: Daniel Raelan of Lad Margaret Hall: second prize. Ben! McFarlane. University College. Awards for meritorious work: Paul Awards for mentorinus worth raun-freatorex, Christ, Church, Sarah-Haren, University College, Darren Littlejohn, Magdalen College and Nathan Wells, Pembroke College. The John Potter Essay Prize 1996 has been awarded to Nerys Dawn Forester, New College, Camille Buchholz Carroll, Magdalen College. was commended.

George Webb Medley Junior Prize (S) for 1990: Daniel J Shapiro, of Merton College, has been awarded a prize

Cambridge King's College Elected into a senior visiting research fellowship for one year from October 1, 1997; Georgina Emma Mary Born.

Arbitrators' Company The following have been elected officers of the Arbitrators'
Company for the ensuing year:
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FAIRBROTHER - Figurali Ruby Clare 29th October S Peter's Hospital Chertsey beautiful incredible peautiful incredible daughter to Sue and John, Ist granddaughter to Christine and Colin, 5th grandchild to Enthleen and Niellus, Ist great-granddaughter to Connie. LAVENDER - On October 23rd 1996, to Linds and Kenneth a son, Henry James Carter. McCARTHY - On 25th October

in Nottingham, to Liam and Kate (nee Devenport) 2 durling, handsome son, Mar Martyn, a brother for Abigail SMITH - On October 7th in Bangkok to Marlana and Peter, a son Locas Alexander DEATHS

AXFORD - On October 29th 1996, Douglas William Edward, much loved husband and father. Enquiries H.C. Grimstead Ltd. tel (01494) 434393. CUMERFETRASER - Mervyn. See Memorial Services. DEREHAM - David, died suddenly on Tuesday 29th October Beloved kushand of October. Beloved husband of Crawford and proud and much loved father of Piers and Deborah. Funeral private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Wellow Chunch, near Rath on Wednesday 13th November at 11:30 am, Denations in memory, if desired, to The Kennet and Avon Canal Trust. d/o Moger and Sparrow, 24 Queen Square, 8th

RAHAM - Giles Henry Gibson in hospital after a short 29th. Son of John and of Gallian Baring, brother of Ammods and half brother of Jamie. Gibson, and Constance. A Service in his memory will be held at St Mary's Church Prestbury, Cheltenbam on Monday 11th November at 2.30 pm. Formly flowers only. Domations if desired to MENCAP Blue Sky Anneal. MORTHWAY - Roger, suddenly (happy) on 29th October, aged 59, beloved husband of lan and dearest father of Lucy, Edwin and the late

ROCKE - George Frederic M.C. peacefully at home on October 31st. Rusband of jean and father of Lucinda, George and Tim. Private cremation will be held on Thursday 7th November and cremation will on new our Thursday 7th November and a Thanksgiving Service will be held at a later date.

RODGER - Mary Evelyn, peacefully at Little Dean House Norsing House Stockinidge on October 31st 1996, the beloved wife of the late Anstair Rodger and mother of Caroline Formally of Orford and Wylye. The funetal service will take place on Friday Rovember 8th 1996 at 2.30pm at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Wylye, Wittshire, Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Chris White Funetal Director Tel 01722 744691

MEMORIAL SERVICES CUNLIFFE-FRASER IN MEMORIAM -

BEALE - Harold Derryck. Happy memories on his birthday, November 4th, remembered with much love every day. Muriel, Angela and John.

SERVICE\$

SMITH - Christina Steven (tole Wallace). On October 31st 1996 aged 97, peacefully at The Manor House, Silton, Rugby, Widow of AE Smith, beloved mother of Burbars and Maleolm. Fuzeral Service at 8t Marks Church Bilton, Rugby, 2.30pm on Tuesday 5th November. Family flowers only pitting, but douations if desired to Myton Hospice, Myton Lane, Warwick.

and John.

BINDER - Peter Leurence, died.

2nd November 1994, much
loved Husband of Wendy,
and devoted Daddy of Sarah,
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BARRY PORTER

Barry Porter. Conservative MP for **Bebington and Ellesmere** Port, 1979-83, and for Wirral South from 1983, died yesterday of throat cancer aged 57. He was born on June 11, 1939.

arry Porter was the last representative in the House of Commons of that oncepowerful northwestern Toryism that owed infinitely more to Protestantism and to warking-men's clubs than to me gentler values of southern Conservatism. This remarkable 19th-century political phe-nomenon, which cost W. E. Gladstone his Lancashire constituency in 1868, delivered six out of Liverpool's nine seats to the Conservative Party as late as 1959. Now it is virtually extinct.

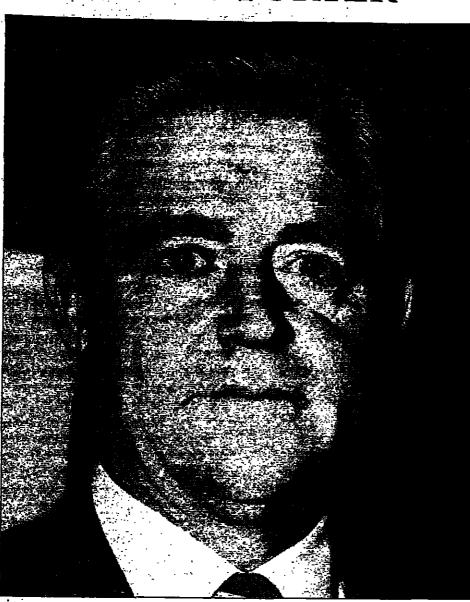
A dominant institution in this political world in which Porter grew up was the Or-ange Order. When he first came to stand for Parliament in the 1970s, most prominent Tories in the North West had ceased to wear the sash with apparent pride. He, however, proudly proclaimed his allegiance, and became the last Tory candidate to be formally endorsed by the Order. Subsequently he established a new Inge Lodge in his native Birkenhead.

in the House of Commons, where he often appeared immune both to the threats of the whips and to the advice of friends, he was one of the very iew English Tory MPs to espouse the Ulster Unionist cause with both passion and conviction. In April 1981 he received an IRA letter bomb. Unperturbed, he put it in a bucket of sand, and drove it to the local police station.

He greatly deplored the Conservative Government's decision to establish a closeunderstanding with the Government of the Irish Republic in the hope of advancing the cause of peace in Northern Ireland. He roundly condemned, and voted against, the Anglo-Irish agreement of November 1985 which embodied this policy. He believed that it created an impediment to progress in Ulster since the Unionists would never accept it. (In this he has yet to be

preval wrong.)

1; dis background gave him a robust temperament, it certainly did not make him narrow or bigoted in outlook. His closest political friend was the late Liberal Democrat peer, Lord Evans of Claughton. More than once he shared



a bottle - or rather, many bottles (and numerous jokes) with Charles Haughey, the lrish Fianna Fail Prime

Above all, George Barring-ton Porter regarded himself as a son of Birkenhead, where he was born into a solidly middleclass family; his father was a Liverpool businessman. He took considerable pride in the fact that he was only the second Conservative MP to be produced by Birkenhead School (the first having been the great F. E. Smith).

After graduating from University College, Oxford, with an honours degree in PPE, he established himself as a solicitor in Birkenhead, becoming a partner in the firm of Fanshaw, Porter and Hazelhurst in 1966. He became wellknown locally as a member first of the Birkenhead Borough Council (1967-74) and subsequently of the Wirral Borough Council (1975-79), chairing its housing committee (1976-77) and its education committee (1977-79).

He certainly helped to make Birkenhead a better place by securing the demolition of Oak and Eldon Gardens, a group of notorious tower blocks. He also won widespread approval for his part in the strong local campaign against the Labour Government's abolition of direct grant schools which forced Birkenhead School to go independent. Subsequently he be-came one of the earliest advocates of the Assisted Places Scheme.

Porter entered Parliament at his fourth attempt. He contested Liverpool (Scotland) at a byelection in 1971, Newton-le-Willows in February 1974 and Charley in October 1974 before being elected for Bebington and Ellesmere Port in May 1979, if only by 486 votes. As a result of boundary changes, he became MP for the new (and much safer) seat of Wirral South in 1983.

His vigorous right-wing

populism - it was characteristic that he advocated both cricket and rugby tours of South Africa while apartheid was still in force - did not find an entirely comfortable home Westminster even under Margaret Thatcher. Although

he started off by admiring her.

he came to feel that it was time

for her to "hang up her boots",

and in 1990 he emerged as one of Michael Heseltine's more surprising supporters. He survived a subsequent attempt to deselect him. He could be a forthright and uncompromising opponent was claimed that he had thrown a punch at Labour's George Galloway after one late-night debate in 1988 - and his was a vote on which the Government could seldom safely depend. He rebelled

April 1980.

over the introduction of school ster, and particularly in its bus charges in March 1980 and over the pace of trade union reform, which he regarded as much too slow, in

forfeited all prospect of preferment. In fact, although he certainly harboured hopes of office in the early 1980s, his forthrightness (which so often bordered on the truculent) coupled with his unpredictability, made him one of nature's backbenchers. He did his most constructive

When he voted against the

Anglo-Irish agreement in 1985,

the whips told him in no

uncertain terms that he had

parliamentary work as a member of the Select Committees on Transport (1979-83) and Trade and Industry (from 1985 onwards). He played no small part in encouraging the then Northern Ireland Secretary, Tom King, to privatise the Harland and Wolff shipyard in 1989, thereby safeguarding its future. That made the closure of Cammell Laird in Birkenhead four years later all the more painful. Few had

worked harder to prevent it. He was rarely far from controversy. After ceasing to practise as a solicitor in 1979, he acquired a strange assortment of business interests which included directorships of various entertainment companies, including Leisure Investments, the owner of gambling clubs, which went bankrupt in 1989. As parliamentary adviser to the Hearing Aid Association, he was criticised for trying to delay a Bill curbing the sales tech-niques of hearing aid companies in February 1989. On the eve of a key Commons vote in November 1995 on the Nolan committee's recommendations regarding MPs' outside interests, he faced accusations (which he strongly denied) of arranging meetings with ministers in exchange for

Porter, a dark good-looking man with a rasping voice, and a chain-smoker, was often to be found on the golf course or at a rugby match (he was a keen rugby union supporter and continued to play the game himself until well into his thirties). In recent years Birkenhead, to which he was so deeply attached, saw much less of him because the family home passed into the possession of his wife when they separated in 1989 (though she remained his Commons secretary). Thereafter the conviviality, which was so marked a feature of his character, was displayed chiefly at Westmin-

He married Susan Carolyn James in 1965. She survives him together with their two sons and three daughters.

WANG LI

Wang Li, Chinese Communist activist during the Cultural Revolution, later imprisoned by Chairman Mao, died on October 21 aged 74. He was born in

RELEASED in 1982 from 15 years in Qincheng. Peking's notorious prison for the elite. Wang Li spent the rest of his life writing more than 100 petitions to the Communist Party's leaders protesting his devotion and insisting that his insider's view of China's Cultural Revolution could help to ensure that such a catastrophe would never recur.

Born into a landowning family in Jiangsu province, Wang joined the Communist party in 1939 during its darkest guerrilla days in the civil war and, like many well-off young intellectuals, he made a career in the propaganda network, a shelter from all but the most vigorous campaigns against those from suspect class backgrounds. His reputation as a loyal propagandist. regardless of the contortions of the party line, brought him eventually to the editorial staff of the magazine Hong Qi (Red Flag), which laid down correct ideological theory, and to the post of deputy director in the International Liaison Depart-

It was because of this pliable and skilled loyalty that Mao appointed Wang to the leading group of the Cultural Revolution, on which, until she moved against him, he served with Jiang Qing, Mao's wife, and other figures just outside the party's central leadership. It was this group that began the purges of the "terrible decade," which convulsed China and brought low most of the top leaders and intellectuals, many of whom would be killed, commit suicide, or suffer, with their families, torture and exile.

Wang was remembered during this period by an American woman working in Peking as "stout in his khaki padded overcoat, his suave

bankerly appearance seeming strangely out of place amid the admiring swarms of excited Red Guards". After his release from prison, Wang claimed that Deng Xiaoping sought him out to draft the selfcriticism which impressed Mao sufficiently to spare him from death and banish him to a remote province for many years. This is unlikely; there is no evidence that Mao spared anyone whom he intended to

kill or to allow to die. Wang never repented his actions during the Cultural Revolution. "I have no regrets," he was to say years



later. "I made mistakes, It was all right to make mistakes in those times as long as you corrected them." He said, too, that while Mao read everything before it was published and that he wrote to the Chairman's orders, "I, as a writer of those documents had major responsibilities for the mistakes".

But Wang's biggest mistake was the nearly fatal one of attracting Mao's anger. In the summer of 1967 he flew to the central industrial city of Wuhan at Mao's instruction to reconcile one of the bloody struggles then at its height between factions each claiming to be more purely Maoist than the other. At one point he was captured and finally released when the Prime Minister, Chou En-lai, alarmed because Mao was also visiting

Wuhan and might become embroiled in the violence. intervened. With a leg in plaster. Wang was greeted as a hero by most of the leadership at Peking's airport. But Li Zhi-sui, Mao's doctor and biographer, wrote that Mao said: The trouble is that Wang Li provoked them into fighting."

Despite Wang's protests later in life that he had had nothing to do with violence, one of his fiery speeches incited Red Guards in August 1967, first to take over the Foreign Ministry and, on August 22, to set fire to the British Chancery. Mao, always keen to ensure that violence was kept within manageable bounds, ordered Wang's in-

carceration in Qincheng. There he underwent one of the standard treatments for high-ranking targets of Mao's displeasure. In one of his memoirs he recalled: "They would force-feed you a kind of drug that induced hallucinations. I still remember Chairman Mao's Hunanese accent coming over the loudspeaker and announcing in a loud voice. In this movement nobody will be executed with the exception of Wang Li'. No matter how many times a day my execution was announced I would always shout, 'Long live Chairman Mao' and sing the Internationale. Then the cancellation of my execution would be announced."

In 1984, two years after his release from 15 years of such ordeals. Wang wrote a letter to Deng Xiaoping and two other senior leaders, asking not to be expelled from the party. "I have grown to maturity through the party's nurturing since the age of 14. The party's loving kindness to me over the past 50 years remains forever engraved on my heart. Perhaps I can be of some use to the party if I am allowed to remain inside it to denounce myself by summing up the bitter negative experiences in which l took part."

He is survived his wife Wang Pingshu, and by a



Wang (second from right) with Chou En-lai (left) and other leading Communists, 1967 If there was a surprise in

SIR ERIC DRAKE

Sir Eric Drake, CBE, chairman of British Petroleum 1969-75, died on October 31 aged 85. He was born on November 29, 1910. ALTHOUGH he certainly

ranked as a captain of British industry. Eric Drake was never exactly a household name. This was, no doubt, partly because almost his whole career was devoted to BP. which he joined in 1935, the year after he had qualified as a chartered accountant. He became a main board director in 1958 and spent six years as depart chairman before being eleva p to the chairmanship in January 1969.

His coming to the top job coincided with a dramatic time for the oil industry. It fell to him to welcome the Queen to Aberdeen to inaugurate the Forties oilfield out in the North Sea, but there were awkward moments, too. In the autumn of 1973, in the wake of the Arab oil embargo, he found himself summoned to Chequers - along with the chairman of Shell - to confront the Prime Minister.

It appeared to Edward Heath that the problem of fuel shortages could be greatly alleviated if BP and Shell were

Appointments



to maintain full deliveries to Britain, even though their own supplies had been sharply cut back by the oil-producing Arab countries. Drake boldly faced the intimidating task of explaining to the Prime Minister that the world of multinational companies did not work

like that BP. he insisted, had to Lord Mayor's Banquet - that

observe its commitments to other countries as well to Britain. It was not a popular message to a politically and economically beleaguered Prime Minister and it was perhaps as well for Drake — who had already had one sharp brush with the Chancellor, Tony Barber, at that year's

Eric Courtney Drake was educated at Shrewsbury and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he was a keen oarsman and read modern languages and law. He joined the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (as BP was then known) in 1935 and spent most of his early years in the Middle East. ultimately becoming general manager for Iran and Iraq (at the time one of the most sensitive and crucial jobs in the entire oil industry). Partly thanks to his efforts. BP survived the Mossadeq episode and it was, no doubt, in recognition of this that in January 1952 he was appointed CBE at the relatively early age of 41.

the Tory Government was out

The son of a doctor, Arthur

of office within three months.

Later that same year he was sent to the United States as BP's North American representative. The fact that two of his predecessors in this post had gone on to become chairman suggested that within the company he had already been

marked down as a high-flyer. He spent two happy years in New York before returning to Britain to head a newly created supply and development department, moving from there in 1957 to become a

director of BP Trading, the company's main subsidiary. Since he was only 46 at the time, this as good as ensured his ultimate ascent to the top. That came with his appointment as chairman in 1969, followed by his knighthood a year later.

Drake's career, it was perhaps that greater use was not made of his talents by outside bodies, especially in the years of his retirement when for five years he became deputy chairman of P &O. He held various ritual appointments - the presidency of the Chamber of Shipping, the committee of management of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, membership of the Roval Yacht Squadron, an Elder Brother of Trinity House but he never emerged as a major force in the counsels of British industry. It may be that it was BP itself that was answerable for that. In its modern form it was certainly in part his creation but he, in turn, was perceived as an

oilman through and through. Eric Drake was twice married and is survived by his second wife Margaret, and by two daughters of his first marriage and two sons of his

PROFESSOR GEORGE KUBLER

Professor George Kubler. art historian, died on October 3 aged 84. He was born on July 26, 1912.

GEORGE KUBLER was probably best known in Britain for his two magisterial volumes in the Pelican History of Art series: Art and Architec ture of Spain and Portugal and their American Dominions (1959, with Martin Soria) and Art and Architecture of Ancient America (1962). But in the Americas he was also widely recognised as a pioneer in establishing prehispanic (or Pre-Columbian) art history as a respected discipline. Pre-Columbian art, he sug-

gested, is worthy of comparison with the achievements of European and Asian sculptors and painters. The department that Kubler helped to found at

Yale more than half a century ago remains one of the most important centres for art history in the United States, with Pre-Columbian and Pre-Raphaelite topics taught on an equal basis.

A Californian by birth, Kubler arrived at Yale as a freshman in 1929 and spent the rest of his life there, joining the faculty in 1938 and taking a doctorate in 1940 with a study of the Spanish religious architecture of New Mexico. This unfashionable topic

produced his first book the same year and led to The Architecture of the 16th Century in Mexico, published in 1948. He had by then been promoted directly from assistant to full professor.

During his career he explored the art and architecture of Iberia and America — much

of it little-known territory - in an impressive range of books. monographs and essays. Among his more philosoph-

ical publications was The Shape of Time: Remarks on the History of Things (1962), which, while based on his Pre-Columbian work, raised the radical suggestion that "art can be expanded to embrace the whole range of man-made things" — a view that now finds fashionable acceptance.

His last book, Esthetic Recognition of Ancient Amerindian Art, begun in 1949 but published only in 1991, showed how the ancient arts of the Americas entered the mainstream of art history, an acceptance to which he had substantially contributed.

He leaves his widow. Elizabeth Bushnell Kubler, three daughters and a son.

Church news

The Res. Robert Chavner, Priest-incharge, St Luke, Sevenoaks: 10 be The Bourne, Farnham (Guildford). Vica: St Luke, Sevenoaks Rocrester. The Rev John Clarke, Vicar, St Mary's, Battersea (Southwark): 10 be Principal Ripon College, Clanfield (Portsmouth). Coddesion

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The Rev Christopher Kevill-Davies, Rector, St Mary Mag-calenes, Barkway, St Andrews, The second secon

Buckland, St Mary's Reed, St Margarer's, Barley (St Albans): to be Vicar, St Luke w Christ Church, Chelsea (London). The Rev John Lewis, Diocesan

Children's Adviser (Norwich): to be Priest-in-charge, St Oswald, Bedminster Down (Bristol). The Rev Paul Longbottom, Vicar, Shorne, and Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Rochester): to be also an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral

The Rev David Muskett, Curate, Ampthill w Millbrook and Step-pingley (St Albans): to be Vicar. Milford, Godalining (Guildford). The Rev Carole Parker, Curate (NSM), Thorpe Acre w Dishley: to be Priest-in-charge, Packington w Normanton le Heath (Leicester). The Rev Richard Payn, Priest in-charge, St Peter, Tunbridge Wells: to be Vicar, St Peter, Tunbridge

The Rev David Power, Diocesan

Adviser in Evangelism (Portsmouth): to be Vicar, St Cothbert,

Copnor, same diocese.

The Rev Wilson Sitshebo: to be Tutor, United College of the Ascen-sion, Selly Oak (Birmingham). Canon John Waller, Vicar, Holy Trinity and Area Dean of Central and North Hull: to be also Rural Dean of Hull (York).

The Rev Albert Waterman, Vicar, St Alban, Dartford and Rural Dean of Dartford: to be also an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral. The Rev Robin Whittle, Vicar, Capel: to be Chaplain to the Royal

(Guildford). The Rev Michael Wood. Vicar, St Mary, Squires Gate, Blackpool: to be also Rural Dean of Blackpool (Blackburn).

Association for the Deaf in Surrey

Resignations and retirements The Rev Geoffrey Charrett, Priestin-charge, Hambledon (Guild-ford): to retire March 31, 1997. The Rev Ivor Hancock, Vicar, Hawley and Milney (Guildford): retired October 3I The Rev John Hickling, Rector, Husbands Bosworth w Mowsley

and Knaptoft and Theddingworth (Leicester): retired October 30.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN GAINS THE DAY THE PROPHETS CONFOUNDED

From Our Own Correspondent WASHINGTON, Nov. 3

The most surprising 16 hours in American election history ended this morning when Mr. Dewey conceded the reelection of President Truman. Every expert was proved wrong, every prediction belied, every rule broken. Mr. Truman was, perhaps, the only man in the country not completely surprised. The result is a crushing blow for Mr.

Dewey, whose career in national politics is now finished. After Mr. Dewey the most serious casualty was Dr. Gallup, whose attempts on the wireless to explain what happened were the delight of listeners. Less delightful were the statements of Mr. Wallace when he realized that he was not going to get even a million votes. He declared that the cup of iniquity of the two major parties was not yet full, and threatened retribution in

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ON THIS DAY

November 4, 1948

Called to the presidency on the unexpected death of Roosevelt in 1945, Harry S. Truman (1884-1972) gave polisters a nightmare (which persists to this day) with this victory: one Chicago paper even went on sale with the headline "Dewey defeats Truman"

1952. The most important element in Mr. Truman's surprise victory was the effort of organized labour. Buffalo, for instance, gave him a larger majority than it ever gave Roosevelt and this was entirely due to the hard work of the unions. Senator Taft lost Ohio, unaided by his sponsorship of the Taft-Hartley Act, and Mr. Truman's resounding win in Illinois is attributed to the C.I.O., who

worked during last week as never before. There will be a very different Mr. Truman from now on. Instead of being overcome this handicap.

President by accident, he will be President chosen by the people. He owes less to any man than any President before him. Few gave him financial support: many of the party leaders tried to betray him for General Eisenhower at Philadelphia, and none of the machines delivered him votes. The Dixiecrat revolt relieves him of the necessity of considering the South: the existence of the Progressive Party removes the embarrassment of having Communists or near-Communists among his supporters. He is a man without commitments or pledges, except those made in his campaign. Among the accepted rules of American

elections is that a candidate must win New York State to be elected. Until today only Woodrow Wilson had ever won without it. Mr. Truman lost New York and Pennsylvania - the state with the second largest number of electoral votes. Another rule is that resentment builds up against the party in power, and that this resentment after so many years becomes irresistible. Mr. Truman has

NEWS

Blair pledge on morality agenda

■ Tony Blair vows today that he will not be driven off the new morality agenda dominating British politics, pledging that he will put the promotion of "strong families" at the heart of policy-making under a Labour government.

He confirms that he will resist Tory attempts before the election to concentrate public debate on the economy. Writing in The Times, the Labour leader denies that his party has been

Fireworks safety call

■ lan Lang was under pressure from safety campaigners to introduce new laws banning giant fireworks after two deaths at weekend bonfire parties. The President of the Board of Trade was already considering the need for stronger safety laws to be in force after a 90 per cent increase in injuries....... Pages 1, 3

Records bank

Plans for a £1 billion computer scheme to centralise every citizen's personal records, from birth certificates and tax returns to television licences, are to be unveiled

Cane campaign

Tory rightwingers pledged to step up the campaign for the return of corporal punishment in state schools after support from opinion polls and signs that some ministers back the move ...Page 2

'Cheat' walks out

Ffyona Campbell, the first woman to walk the world, will be removed from the Guinness Book of Records after admitting that she cheated

Toes must go

The Duchess of York's toes, famously caressed on a French sun terrace, are to be banished from the front of the British edition of her new autobiography.... Page 5

HRT trial

A 25-year trial designed to answer the questions about hormone replacement therapy, taken by one in three British women in their 50s, begins today..... Page 7 Looser ties

An election campaign on the Isle of Man, where the parliamentary system began 1.000 years ago, will return a government committed to loosening ties with Westminster and Brussels......Page 9

Fruitless search

A two-year worldwide search has failed to produce a leader for the London School of Economics, one of Britain's most prestigious universities, leaving it rudderless at a crucial period Page 10

Prison camps

Two disused military bases are to be opened as prisons in an attempt to ease overcrowding and cope with an increasing jail population ..

Hebron visit

Malcolm Rifkind arrived in Hebron on a visit to underline his insistence that both Israel and the Palestinians should do all they can to reach agreement on this flashpoint..

Zaire piea

France called on Europe to prepare for intervention in eastern Zaire as Paris confirmed it was considering plans to open "humanitarian corridors" for a million Hutu refugees...... Page 13

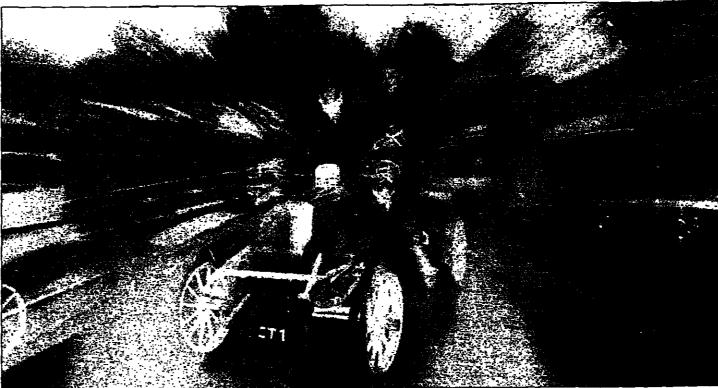
Clinton pursuit

As the clock ticks towards the opening of the polls tomorrow. President Clinton is relentlessly criss-crossing the nation in pursuit of the second term ... Page 14 Serbia poll

The Socialists of President Milosevic of Serbia were poised for victory as about seven million Serbs went to the polls

Touching Cleopatra's legacy

The royal areas of ancient Alexandria, 2,000 years ago the playground of Cleopatra and Mark Antony, has been mapped for the first time. Franck Goddio, a French marine archaeologist, said: "It was a fantastic feeling diving on the remains of the city. To think when I touched a statue or sphinx. that Cleopatra herself might have done the same." Page 1



Mike and Claire Timms set off in their 1903 De Dion Bouton in the RAC Centenary Veteran Car Run from London to Brighton

BUSINESS

Economy: smaller companies report higher than average growth in output, orders, employment and pay in the latest quarterly Business Opinion Survey from the Institute of Directors. But optimism is improving more slowly......Page 52

Moral crisis: insurers blame breakdown in family and community disciplines for an 80 per cent rise over five years in claims for malicious damage to property, much of it inflicted by children or departing ...Page 52

Co-ops: Graham Melmoth, new chief executive of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, hopes finally to achieve the long-desired merger with the Co-operative Retail Society to help to arrest a losing battle with big retailers. . Page 49

ARTS Weekend of pop: Erasure take to

hits tour, which could be viewed as a salvage operation on a flagging career. London gets verbal putdowns from BabyBird and no-frills blues-rock from Reef Page 20 Happy anniversary: Thomas Allen celebrates a quarter-century at Covent Garden with a fine performance in the Royal Opera's revival

the road in Glasgow with a greatest

Creative energy: a festival in London is celebrating the contribution that Jews have made to artistic life in Vienna...

of Don Giovanni Page 21

Dramatic duo: Timothy and Sam West, father and son, play Falstaff and Prince Hal in English Touring Theatre's fine production of Henry IV Parts I and 2 Page 21

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ FEMALE ART

than three dozen

The Whitechapel Art

Gallery celebrates more

PARTIES Skeable gap: eight million women in Britain are, apparently, size 16 or over. Nigella Lawson on a new women's magazine that celebrates

Poetry and Remembrance: starting today: the MP Kenneth Baker's selection of war poems from his new anthology...

being large.

MIND AND WATER Fourth dimension: Marcus du Sautoy asks how we can look at multidimensional shapes when we have only 3-D vision...... Page 16

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D'Olonne for the start of the Vendée Globe single-handed non-stop

Cup early tomorrow Page 39

Football: Newcastle United re-

turned to the top of the Premiership

by beating Middlesbrough 3-1 at St

James' Park. Blackburn Rovers.

the bottom club without a win in

the Premiership, scored a surprise

3-0 win over Liverpool Page 27

Rugby union: Tim Gavin, the New

South Wales No 8, is flying to Scot-

land to replace Mark Connors, the

fourth player injured on the Aus-

tralians' tour Pages 36, 37

Golf: Laura Davies is poised to

become the first British golfer to

finish top of the money lists in the

United States and Europe in the

Cricket: the England A team had a

disappointing start to their tour of

Australia, losing by nine wickets to

the New South Wales second team,

round-the-world race Page 35

Racing: the Irish-trained Oscar

Schindler seeks to justify favourit-

ism by winning the Melbourne

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same year

43, 48, bonus 25. Eleven tickets with six numbers won £860,652 each; 55 with five and the bonus won £52,963; 2,407 with five won £756; 90,709 with four won £44; 1.35 million with three won £10.

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Preview: There is humour in a film about men working down Beifast's drains, but the political divide is never far away in Short Stories: Down the Drains (C4, 8.00pm). Review: Matthew Bond is glad to reach the end of Rhodes Page 51

Oak Car

Europe's promises Will British taxpayers end up paying for the pensions of the Ger-

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There is a real danger that the force of events in the streets of Hebrors will rise up and consume born Netanyahu and Arafat Page 23

Poetry of remembrance A masterful new Faber anthology of war poetry, compiled by Ken-

neth Baker, brings rogether the

stately and inspirational ... Page 23

COLUMNS

TONY BLAIR

We are seeking to balance opportunity with responsibility as the only basis for a modern welfare state, recognising that we have a collective duty to help those at the bottom of society, but insisting also that those offered help have a duty to take it

PETER RIDDELL

Bill Clinton's imminent re-electrant is already being seen as a portent of a Labour victory next year. But the Blairites are wrong to believe that Clinton's strategy is sufficient for success here.....

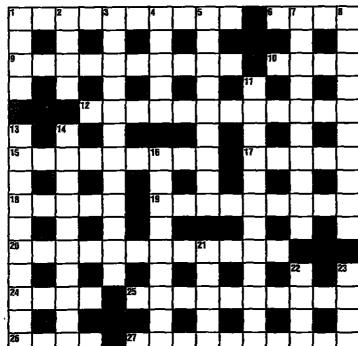
MATTHEW PARRIS

If Solomon's temple came down; if the Sumerians and the Egyptians faltered; if the Greeks came to nought if Rome fell, if China reverted; if the incas imploded; if the strange towers and fortifications you will find in the Zimbabwe ruins so overshadow the primitive culture which was encountered squatting in their shade, why should we prove imprecedentedly different?....

Barry Porter, Conservative MP for South Wirrall; Wang Li, Chinese Communist propagandist: Sir Eric Drake, former chairman of British

Morality debate: NHS efficiency: oldest shipwreck; war memorials: fishing policy...

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,316



ACROSS

- 1 For example. Figaro's dance or choral music? (0-1).
- 6 Experts the other side can't
- touch them in court (4). 9 Freely date aunt if besotted (10).
- 10 Talk idly about a heroic story (4). 12 Unexpectedly lacking article by sportsman (3.2.3.4).
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- resistant to corrosion (9). 20 Occasionally, how nice a line
- could be? (4.2.1.5).
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- The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,315 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a pottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

27 A means to manoeuvre vessel, and the skill to do so (10).

- I Security whose loss may lead to dismissal (4).
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- of electricity (4). 3 It's a nice change, keeping so keen
- 4 Endlessly brandish old military headdress (5).
- 5 Subtle suggestions or blatant examples of them? (9).
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- 8 Skill in mounting HMS Pinafore, perhaps? (10).
- 11 Came upon horse carrying largely courteous bishop (12). 13 Orderly ballot disclosed in article
- carried by Scotsman (10). 14 Litigant's dull speech bewildered court (10).
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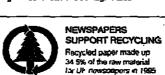
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General: England and Wales

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FORECAST turning southwest and moderating for

should have a wet and windy start to the day, but by afternoon brighter weather with squally showers should reach all parts. Showers heaviest and most frequent in the west, with strong a time. Max 19C (55F).

SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: cloud and rain clearing for sunny spells and heavy showers. Wind south to southwest, strong to gale, locally severe. Max 13C (55F).

Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, o gale-force southwest winds. Southern Scotland and Northern Ireland, although wet initially, will become brighter by afternoon with squally showers on strong to gale or SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: cloudy with rain, heavy at even severe gale-force southwest winds. The rest of Scotland will tend to times, becoming brighter with squally showers by afternoon. Wind south to

showers by atternoon. Wind south to southwest, strong to gale, severe at times, later turning north to northwest in places. Max 11C (52F).

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Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N, NE England: cloud Max 10C (50F).

☐ NE Scottand, NW Scotts Orkney, Shetland: cloudy with rain, heavy at times. Wind east to south, neary at times. White each to screen to strong, locally gale, turning mostly north to northwest, gale or even severe gale later. Max 9C (48F).

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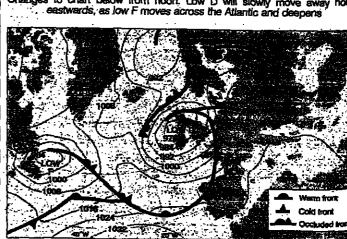
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Sunny intervals Cloudy Drizzle Overcast Rain Sleet and sunny showers **J**Lightning Hail Temperatur (Celsius) (mph)

Changes to chart below from noon. Low D will slowly move away



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